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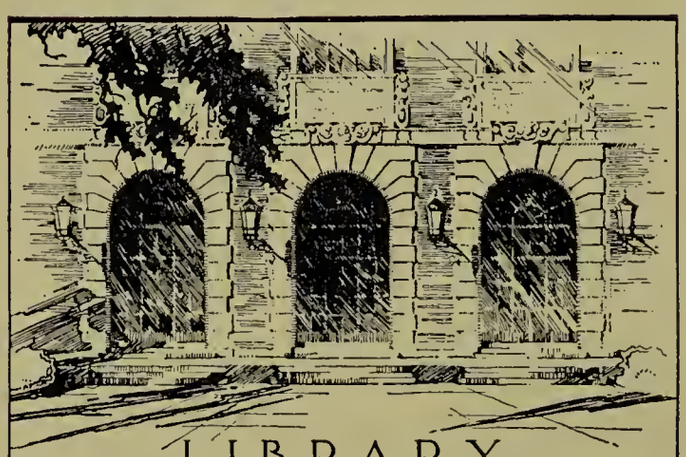

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THE simple name of this publication announces its object and mission, which is to supply a want never before met in Chicago, in devoting its pages, as it proposes to do, exclusively to *the library interests of the City.*

As the Chicago Public Library is destined to become one of the great features of the City, the CHICAGO LIBRARIAN will make a specialty of publishing monthly all items of news pertaining to it, the new books received, their location on the shelves, the Rules and Regulations governing the Library, the names of donors, either of money or books, etc. It will also contain an epitome of news each month with reference to the other public libraries, some of which are now very interesting collections and constantly increasing in numbers.

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THE CHICAGO PUBLIC LIBRARY.

History of its Origin and Formation.

THE FIRST MOVE.

THE Great Fire of Oct. 9, 1871, having destroyed all the public libraries of the city, a number of Chicago's more intelligent and enterprising citizens conceived the idea of making a movement looking toward the establishment, upon a broad and liberal basis, of a free Public Library similar to those enjoyed by most other large cities. In accordance with this desire, the following paper was presented to the Mayor on Wednesday, January 3, 1872:

HON. JOSEPH MEDILL, *Mayor of Chicago:*

The undersigned respectfully request that you call a public meeting of the citizens of Chicago with reference to the establishment of a free Public Library n Chicago, to be held at Plymouth Church, corner Wabash avenue and Eldridge court, on Monday, the 8th inst. Jan., at 7½ P. M., and that you preside over said meeting.

Geo. S. Bowen,	*Marshall Field,*	*A. H. Winslow,*
Philip Wadsworth,	*L. Z. Leiter,*	*O. S. Hough,*
Henry M. Sheppard,	*W. E. Doggett,*	*Horace White,*
Gilbert R. Smith,	*F. A. Eastman,*	*Wm. Bross,*
Wirt Dexter,	*C. M. Henderson,*	*Enos Brown,*
N. K. Fairbank,	*C. C. P. Holden,*	*J. V. Farwell,*
C. G. Hammond,	*Rev. W. H. Ryder,*	*John K. Harmon,*
E. C. Larned,	*T. D. Lowther,*	*C. H. McCormick,*
N. S. Bouton,	*Isaac N. Arnold.*	*Andrew Shuman,*
Charles L. Wilson,	*Rev. W. A. Bartlett,*	*Thos. Hoyne.*

THE FIRST PUBLIC MEETING.

In accordance with this request a meeting was called and held in Plymouth Congregational Church on the evening of Monday, January 8, 1872, when the following named gentlemen were appointed a

committee to prepare such legislation as might be needful for the purpose of establishing a Free Public Library in Chicago, and to report such a bill at the earliest moment to a public meeting, to be called by them for that purpose:

Thomas Hoyne, Chairman,
W. E. Doggett.
E. C. Larned.
S. S. Hayes.
James Warrack.
D. L. Shorey.
J. M. Walker.
W. B. Ogden.
Henry Greenebaum.
Geo. S. Bowen.
Judge Henry Booth.
Levi Z. Leiter.
Geo. Schneider.
Edwin Lee Brown.
Wm. Bross.
John V. Farwell.
C. H. McCormick.
Julius Rosenthal.
J. Y. Scammon.
Carter H. Harrison.

THE COMMITTEES.

On Saturday, Jan. 13, 1871, the committee before mentioned held a meeting for the purpose of drafting the required legislative bill, and produced as the result of their labors three bills differing but slightly from each other, all of which were referred to a sub-committee composed of Messrs. Thomas Hoyne, E. C. Larned, J. M. Walker, D. L Shorey, S. S. Hayes, and Judge Henry Booth.

The sub-committee met on the afternoon of January, 18, 1871, and reported a bill modeled in its main provisions after the Boston Public Library law. This bill was adopted by the special committee and reported at the

SECOND PUBLIC MEETING

called by them and held in the City Hall on Saturday evening, January 20, of which Hon. Thomas Hoyne was Chairman, and D. L. Shorey Secretary.

The bill having been submitted to the meeting, met with a unanimous approval and the expressed wish that the Legislature would immediately pass the same, which was subsequently done. The following is

THE FREE LIBRARY BILL

as finally approved, March 7, 1872, by the Legislature:

An Act to Authorize Cities, incorporated Towns and Townships to establish and maintain Free Public Libraries and Reading Rooms.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois, represented in the General Assembly,* That the City Council of each incorporated city shall have power to establish and maintain a Public Library and Reading-Room for the use and benefit of the inhabitants of such city, and may levy a tax of not to exceed

one mill on the dollar annually, and, in cities of over 100,000 inhabitants, not to exceed one-fifth of one mill annually, on all the taxable property in the city—such tax to be levied and collected in like manner with other general taxes of said city, and to be known as the "Library Fund."

SEC. 2. When any City Council shall have decided to establish and maintain a Public Library and Reading-Room under this act, the Mayor of such city shall, with the approval of the City Council, proceed to appoint a Board of nine Directors for the same, chosen from the citizens at large with reference to their fitness for such office; and not more than one member of the City Council shall be at any one time a member of said Board.

SEC. 3. Said Directors shall hold office, one third for one year, one-third for two years, and one-third for three years, from the first of July following their appointment; and at their first regular meeting, shall cast lots for the respective terms; and, annually thereafter, the Mayor shall, before the first of July of each year, appoint, as before, three Directors to take the place of the retiring Directors, who shall hold office for three years, and until their successors are appointed. The Mayor may, by and with the consent of the City Council, remove any Director for misconduct, or neglect of duty.

SEC. 4. Vacancies in the Board of Directors occasioned by removals, resignation, or otherwise, shall be reported to the City Council, and be filled in like manner as original appointments; and no Director shall receive compensation as such.

SEC. 5. Said Directors shall, immediately after appointment, meet and organize by the election of one of their number as President, and by the election of such other officers as they may deem necessary. They shall make and adopt such by-laws, rules and regulations, for their own guidance, and for the government of the Library and Reading-Room, as may be expedient, not inconsistent with this act. They shall have the exclusive control of the expenditure of all moneys collected to the credit of the Library Fund; and of the construction of any Library building; and of the supervision, care, and custody of the grounds, rooms, or buildings constructed, leased, or set apart for that purpose:

Provided, That all moneys received for such Library shall be deposited in the Treasury of said city, to the credit of the Library Fund, and shall be kept separate and apart from other moneys of such city, and drawn upon by the proper officers of said city, upon the properly authenticated vouchers of the Library Board. Said Board shall have power to purchase or lease grounds, to occupy, lease, or erect an appropriate building or buildings, for the use of said Library; shall have power to appoint a suitable Librarian and necessary assistants, and fix their compensation, and shall also have power to remove such appointees; and shall, in general, carry out the spirit and intent of this act, in establishing and maintaining a Public Library and Reading-Room.

SEC. 6. Every Library and Reading-Room established under this act shall be forever free to the use of the inhabitants of the city where located, always subject to such reasonable rules and regulations as the Library Board may adopt, in order to render the use of said Library and Reading-Room of the greatest benefit to the greatest number; and said Board may exclude from the use of said Library and Reading-Room any and all persons who shall willfully violate such rules.

SEC. 7. The said Board of Directors shall make, on or before the second Monday in June, an annual report to the City Council, stating the condition of their trust on the first day of June of that year; the various sums of money received from the Library Fund and from other sources, and how such moneys have been expended and for what purposes; the number of books and periodicals on hand; the number added by purchase, gift, or otherwise, during the year; the number lost or missing; the number of visitors attending; the number of books loaned out, and the general character and kind of such books, with other statistics, information and suggestions as they may deem of general interest. All such portions of said report as relate to the receipt and expenditure of money, as well as the number of books on hand, books lost or missing, and books purchased, shall be verified by affidavit.

SEC. 8. The City Council of said city shall have power to pass ordinances imposing suitable penalties for the punishment of persons committing injury upon such Library, or the grounds or other property thereof, and for injury to, or failure to return, any book belonging to such Library.

SEC. 9. Any person desiring to make donations of money, personal property, or real estate for the benefit of such Library, shall have the right to vest the title to the money or real estate so donated in the Board of Directors created under this act, to be held and controlled by such Board, when accepted, according to the terms of the deed, gift, devise, or bequest of such property, and, as to such property, the said Board shall be held and considered to be Special Trustees.

SECTIONS 10 and 11 do not relate to city libraries.

SEC. 12. Whereas, all the libraries of Chicago were destroyed by the recent fire in that city, and large donations of books have been made to found a Free Library; and, whereas, no suitable building or organization exists to receive or preserve them; therefore, an emergency exists that this law shall take effect immediately; therefore, this act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

THE CITY ORDINANCE.

In conformity with the requirements of the bill, on Monday, March 18, 1872, Mayor Medill sent an ordinance to the Common Council establishing The Chicago Public Library, which was referred to the Judiciary Committee of the Council. This committee reported favorably upon the ordinance at a meeting of the Council held on the evening of April 1, 1872, when it was unanimously passed and the Library thereby established under Act of Legislature here given. The ordinance was signed by the Mayor, April 3, 1872.

FIRST BOARD OF DIRECTORS.

On April 8, 1872, the Mayor presented to the Common Council the names of the following gentlemen to constitute the first Board of Directors, the nominations being confirmed by the Council:

Thomas Hoyne,	S. S. Hayes,
R. F. Queal,	J. W. Sheahan,
D. L. Shorey,	Herman Raster,
Willard Woodard,	Elliot Anthony,

Julius Rosenthal.

In this Board, each division of the city, each occupation, and each leading religious denomination is fairly represented.

On the afternoon of Thursday, April 11, 1872, the Directors met and took the required oath of office, and arranged for their respective terms of office, as follows:

One year, Messrs. Hoyne, Queal, Shorey.

Two years, Messrs. Woodard, Anthony, Rosenthal.

Three years, Messrs. Raster, Sheahan, Hayes.

Thomas Hoyne was elected President of the Board, and it was arranged that the Board should hold semi-monthly meetings, which has been done regularly up to the present time.

WHAT HAS BEEN DONE.

The Library now being fully organized, and intelligence received by the Directors that larger donations of books were being made in London, and elsewhere, it became necessary to provide some suitable room where the books could be safely shelved and made available to the public. To meet this requirement the Common Council authorized the Board of Public Works to construct a large room in the second story of the temporary City Hall, on the southeast corner of LaSalle and Adams streets, to be used as a reading-room. This room is adjoining and connected with the fire-proof brick structure heretofore known as "The Tank," which has been fitted up and furnished as a library-room, and where the books are to be kept until rooms are constructed for their accommodation in the new City Hall. "The Tank" has a capacity to hold 18,000 volumes.

Shortly after the Great Fire a most magnanimous move was made in London by a number of Chicago's sympathizers, to collect for us donations of books from England and other parts of Europe, to be a nucleus for our future Library. These donations have already reached some 6,000 volumes, about one-sixth of which have already arrived and been placed upon the shelves of the Library, and the remainder are expected soon.

Mr. John Robson, the former efficient Librarian of the Young Men's Association Library in this city, being in London, has been commissioned by the Directors to represent the interests of the Library in that city, and Mr. W. B. Wickersham, a gentleman well qualified for the work, has been appointed Librarian in charge of the books and rooms in this city, and has been engaged for the last two months in receiving the books, making an entry of the same in the Library Registry and placing them upon the shelves, where, as soon as they are properly numbered, they may be read and consulted by the public. It will, however, be some months yet before the books can be taken from the library.

The Board of Directors hold semi-monthly meetings, in which the time is devoted to arranging the necessary details for the complete organization of the Library. The CHICAGO LIBRARIAN will announce from month to month the more important actions they may take; it will also announce, as soon as the Directors have completed them, the Rules and Regulations by which the Library will be governed.

The reading-room, a capacious room sixty feet square, is now

completed and furnished, and is receiving a most excellent assortment of periodicals, papers, etc.

THE OPENING

will take place with appropriate exercises on Monday, December the 2d, 1872, when the public will be admitted to the enjoyment of the Chicago Public Library, which will ever be increasing in interest and usefulness. The CHICAGO LIBRARIAN will publish every month a complete list of the new books, periodicals, etc., received by the Library, and designate where they may be found.

THE BOOKS.

Commencing on page 13 will be found an alphabetical list of the books, and of the English and American periodicals now in the Library. With a very few exceptions the books as yet received are entirely the donations of Chicago's English friends.

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Books Now in the Chicago Public Library.

ABOUT 1,200 books have been received at present by the Library and placed upon the shelves, but they have not yet been numbered and placed permanently in the cases. As soon as this is done the CHICAGO LIBRARIAN will publish full information as to the contents of the Library and where every book can be found, with brief explanatory sketches of the more important works.

The following is an alphabetically arranged list of the more prominent books in the Library.

[Since the following list has been in type another invoice of 1,000 volumes has been received from England, a full account of which will be given in the December number of the CHICAGO LIBRARIAN.]

A.

Alabama Claims (The).

Agricultural Reports of Missouri. 1867–68–70–71.

Analogy of Religion. By Bishop Butler.

Autobiography of Matthew Robinson. By J. E. B. Mayor.

Ancien Regime. By C. Kingsley.

Astronomy Without Mathematics. By E. R. Dennison.

Alpine Flowers. By W. Robinson.

Australasian (The). 6 vols.

Athenæum (The) *Journal* of Literature, Science, and Fine Arts. 28 vols.

Ancient British Church (The). By Mosley.

American Schools and Colleges. By Jex Blake.

Across Mexico. By W. H. Bullock.

Apostles of Mediæval Europe. By G. T. Maclear.

Alfred the Great. By Thomas Hughes.

Auguste Comte and Positivism. By J. S Mill.

At Last. By C. Kingsley

Alton Locke. By the same.
Arithmetic in Theory and Practice. By Brook-Smith.
A Physician's Problems. By Charles Elam, M. D.
Artificial Production of Tubercle. By Dr. Wilson Fox.
Angel in the House. By C. Patmore.
Alice's Adventures in Wonderland. By L. Carroll.
Abyssinian Expedition. By C. R. Markham.
Auspicious Day (The). By A. Webster.
Atlases of Designs of leaves, ruins, etc. Unbound. 25 vols.

B.

British Birds. By C. A. Johns.
————Novelists and their Styles. By D. Masson.
————Classics. By Murray. 4 vols.
————Expedition to Abyssinia. By H. Hozier.
Bengal Reversion (The). By Evans Bell.
Bains' Mental Science.
Bible (The) and Popular Theology. By G. V. Smith.
————Revised Translation of,
Barrow's Sermons.
Blindness and the Blind. By W. H. Levy.
Bishop Horsley's Tracts.
————Usher's Answer to a Jesuit.
Baptist Tracts. 4 vols.
Blackburn's Elements of Plane Trigonometry.
Body and Mind. By H. Mandsley.
Bone Setting. By W. P. Hood.
Beatrice and Other Poems. By Roden Noel.
Book of Golden Thought. By Henry Attwell.
————of Praise. By R. Palmer.
————of Old History Worthies.
————of Golden Deeds.
Ballot (The). By W. D. Christie.
Ballad Book (The). By Wm. Allingham.
Bacon's Essays.
Brazil, Buenos Ayres and Paraguay. By C. B. Mansfield.

C.

Channing's complete works.
Charge of the Lord Chief Justice of England to the Grand Jury in the Case of the Queen against Nelson and Reed.
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Common Council Proceedings, city of Chicago—1870-'71. 1 vol.
Church Association Lectures. 7 vols.
————History. By Rev. A. Martineau.
————of England Biographies. 2 vols.
————Association Tracts.
————Life in Australia. By T. Binney.
Cappe's Discourses.
Ciceronis De Officiis. By Rev. Hubert Holden.
Constitution and Canons of the English Church.
Children's Jewish Advocate. 2 vols.
Clyde's Geography.
Cambridge Greek and English Testament.
Commentaries of Gaius. By Abdy and Walker.
Concordance, New.
Commentaries on St. Matthew. By Theophylactus.
Catalogue of Manuscripts in the University Library of Cambridge. 5 vols.
————of Lincoln's Inn Library.
————of the Mendham Collection.
————of the Library of the Royal United Service Institute.
————of the Anatomical Museum. Cambridge.

Cook (The) and Housekeeper's Manual. Mrs. Dods.
Caii Sallustii Chrispii. By C. Merivale.
Christian Life (The). By C. Westcott.
Cheltenham College Sermons. G. Buttler.
Canon of the New Testament. By B. F. Wescott.
Coal Question (The). By W. Stanley Jevons.
Cowper's Poetical Works.
Cavour. By Edward Dicey.
Construction of Hospitals. By Douglas Gallon.
Children's Poems. By C. Patmore.
Christmas Cake. By Lady Barker.
Crackers for Christmas. By E. H. Knatchbull-Hugessen.
Christian Singers of Germany. By Catherine Minkworth.
Central and Eastern Arabia. By W. G. Palgrave.
Cathedral Church of Wells. By E. A. Freeman.

D.

Divine Government. By Southwood Smith.
D'Aubigne's Hist. of Reformation. 5 vols.
Deity of Christ By Albert Reville.
De Oude Paden. By Rev. A. McCaul.
Dictionary of Greek and Roman Biography and Mythology. 6 vols.
————of the Bible. Smith. 3 vols.
————English. By Reid.
————Latin. By Smith. 2 vols.
————French Pronouncing. By G. Surenne.
Dryden's Poetical Works.
Dissertations and Discussions. By J. S. Mill. 3 vols.
Differential and Integral Calculus. By G. W. Hemming.
Dynamics of Nerve and Muscle. By C. B. Radcliffe.
Drew's Conic Sections.
Dante's Comedy. By W. M. Rossetti.

E.

Evenings at the Microscope. By P. H. Gosse.
Eulogies of Members of the French Academy. By M. D'Alembert. 2 vols.
Early French Poems. By Walter Besant.
Eastern Church. By Stanley.
Exposition of Christian Doctrine. By Ben. La Trobe.
Epiphany, Lent and Easter. By Dr. Vaughan.
Epistle to the Phillippians. By J. B. Lightfoot.
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————of St. Clement of Rome. By J. B. Lightfoot.
Essays on Art. By F. T. Palgrave.
England's Antiphon. By George Macdonald.
Elementary Lessons in Physiology. By T. H. Huxley.
————Lessons in Logic. By W. S. Jerons.
Examination of the Philosophy of Sir William Hamilton. By J. S. Mill.

F.

French Works (Miscellaneous). 73 vols.
————Revolution (The). By Von Sybel. 4 vols.
Fine Art, By M. D. Wyatt.
Fine Arts. By W. M. Rossette.
Ferrer's Trilinear Co-ordinates.
Fairy Book (The).
Federal Government, History of. By E. A. Truman.
First Earl (The) of Shaftesbury. By W. D. Christie. 2 vols.
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Francis of Assisi. By Mrs. Oliphant.
Fairfax, Life of. By C. R. Markham.
Five Days Entertainment at Wentworth Grange. By F. T. Palgrave.

G.

Gladstone's Speeches.
Gosse's Natural History.
Grotius' De Jure, etc. Whewell, 4 vols.
Genesis of Species (The). By St. G. Mivart.
Graphic (The). An illustrated weekly Newspaper, London, 4 vols.
Great Mystery (The); or, How Can Three be in One. By C. W. H. Pauli.
Great Britain and Ireland. By White.
Greater Britain. By Sir C. Dilke.
Greek and English Dialogues. By J. S. Blackie.
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Goblin Market, and Other Poems. By C. Rossetti.
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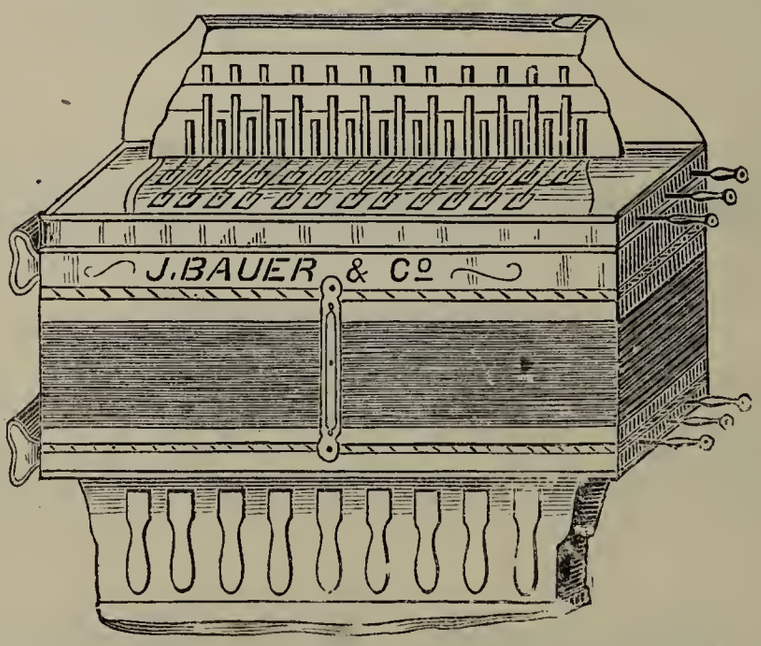

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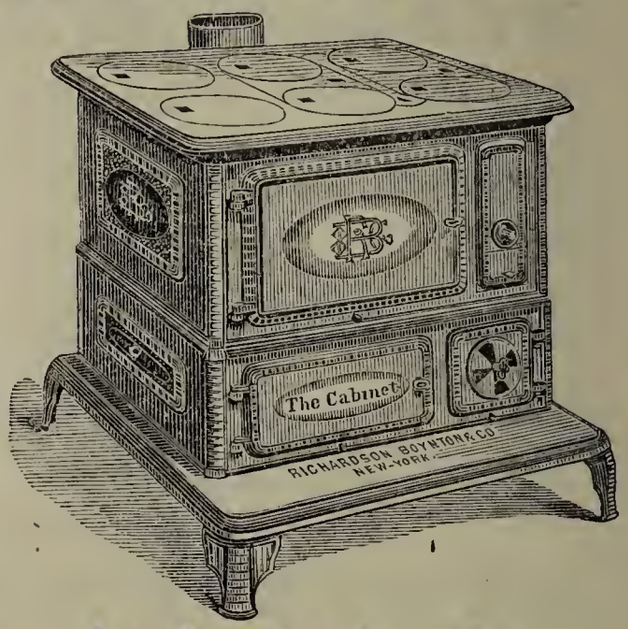

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As the Chicago Public Library is destined to become one of the great features of the City, the CHICAGO LIBRARIAN will make a specialty of publishing monthly all items of news pertaining to it, the new books received, their location on the shelves, the Rules and Regulations governing the Library, the names of donors, either of money or books, etc. It will also contain an epitome of news each month with reference to the other public libraries, some of which are now very interesting collections and constantly increasing in numbers.

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THE CHICAGO PUBLIC LIBRARY.

History of its Origin and Formation.

THE FIRST MOVE.

THE Great Fire of Oct. 9, 1871, having destroyed all the large libraries of the city, a number of Chicago's more intelligent and enterprising citizens conceived the idea of making a movement looking toward the establishment, upon a broad and liberal basis, of a free Public Library similar to those enjoyed by most other large cities. In accordance with this desire, the following paper was presented to the Mayor on Wednesday, January 3, 1872:

HON. JOSEPH MEDILL, *Mayor of Chicago:*

The undersigned respectfully request that you call a public meeting of the citizens of Chicago with reference to the establishment of a free Public Library in Chicago, to be held at Plymouth Church, corner Wabash avenue and Eldridge court, on Monday, the 8th inst. Jan., at 7½ P. M., and that you preside over said meeting.

Geo. S. Bowen,	*Marshall Field,*	*A. H. Winslow,*
Philip Wadsworth,	*L. Z. Leiter,*	*O. S. Hough,*
Henry M. Sheppard,	*W. E. Doggett,*	*Horace White,*
Gilbert R. Smith,	*F. A. Eastman,*	*Wm. Bross,*
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E. C. Larned,	*T. D. Lowther,*	*C. H. McCormick,*
N. S. Bouton,	*Isaac N. Arnold.*	*Andrew Shuman,*
Charles L. Wilson,	*Rev. W. A. Bartlett,*	*Thos. Hoyne.*

THE FIRST PUBLIC MEETING.

In accordance with this request a meeting was called and held in Plymouth Congregational Church on the evening of Monday, January 8, 1872, when the following named gentlemen were appointed a

committee to prepare such legislation as might be needful for the purpose of establishing a Free Public Library in Chicago, and to report such a bill at the earliest moment to a public meeting, to be called by them for that purpose:

Thomas Hoyne, Chairman,
W. E. Doggett.
E. C. Larned.
S. S. Hayes.
James Warrack.
D. L. Shorey.
J. M. Walker.
W. B. Ogden.
Henry Greenebaum.
Geo. S. Bowen.
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Edwin Lee Brown.
Wm. Bross.
John V. Farwell.
C. H. McCormick.
Julius Rosenthal.
J. Y. Scammon.
Carter H. Harrison.

THE COMMITTEES

On Saturday, Jan. 13, 1872, the committee before mentioned held a meeting for the purpose of drafting the required legislative bill, and produced as the result of their labors three bills differing but slightly from each other, all of which were referred to a sub-committee composed of Messrs. Thomas Hoyne, E. C. Larned, J. M. Walker, D. L Shorey, S. S. Hayes, and Judge Henry Booth.

The sub-committee met on the afternoon of January, 18, 1872, and reported a bill modeled in its main provisions after the Boston Public Library law. This bill was adopted by the special committee and reported at the

SECOND PUBLIC MEETING,

called by them and held in the City Hall, on Saturday evening, January 20, of which Hon. Thomas Hoyne was Chairman, and D. L. Shorey Secretary.

The bill having been submitted to the meeting, met with a unanimous approval and the expressed wish that the Legislature would immediately pass the same, which was subsequently done. The following is

THE FREE LIBRARY BILL

as finally approved, March 7, 1872, by the Legislature:

An Act to Authorize Cities, incorporated Towns and Townships to establish and maintain Free Public Libraries and Reading Rooms.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois, represented in the General Assembly,* That the City Council of each incorporated city shall have power to establish and maintain a Public Library and Reading-Room for the use and benefit of the inhabitants of such city, and may levy a tax of not to exceed

one mill on the dollar annually, and, in cities of over 100,000 inhabitants, not to exceed one-fifth of one mill annually, on all the taxable property in the city—such tax to be levied and collected in like manner with other general taxes of said city, and to be known as the "Library Fund."

SEC. 2. When any City Council shall have decided to establish and maintain a Public Library and Reading-Room under this act, the Mayor of such city shall, with the approval of the City Council, proceed to appoint a Board of nine Directors for the same, chosen from the citizens at large with reference to their fitness for such office; and not more than one member of the City Council shall be at any one time a member of said Board.

SEC. 3. Said Directors shall hold office, one third for one year, one third for two years, and one-third for three years, from the first of July following their appointment; and at their first regular meeting, shall cast lots for the respective terms; and, annually thereafter, the Mayor shall, before the first of July of each year, appoint, as before, three Directors to take the place of the retiring Directors, who shall hold office for three years, and until their successors are appointed. The Mayor may, by and with the consent of the City Council, remove any Director for misconduct, or neglect of duty.

SEC. 4. Vacancies in the Board of Directors occasioned by removals, resignation, or otherwise, shall be reported to the City Council, and be filled in like manner as original appointments; and no Director shall receive compensation as such.

SEC. 5. Said Directors shall, immediately after appointment, meet and organize by the election of one of their number as President, and by the election of such other officers as they may deem necessary. They shall make and adopt such by-laws, rules and regulations, for their own guidance, and for the government of the Library and Reading-Room, as may be expedient, not inconsistent with this act They shall have the exclusive control of the expenditure of all moneys collected to the credit of the Library Fund; and of the construction of any Library building; and of the supervision, care, and custody of the grounds, rooms, or buildings constructed, leased, or set apart for that purpose:

Provided, That all moneys received for such Library shall be deposited in the Treasury of said city, to the credit of the Library Fund, and shall be kept separate and apart from other moneys of such city, and drawn upon by the proper officers of said city, upon the properly authenticated vouchers of the Library Board. Said Board shall have power to purchase or lease grounds, to occupy, lease, or erect an appropriate building or buildings, for the use of said Library; shall have power to appoint a suitable Librarian and necessary assistants, and fix their compensation, and shall also have power to remove such appointees; and shall, in general, carry out the spirit and intent of this act, in establishing and maintaining a Public Library and Reading-Room.

SEC. 6. Every Library and Reading-Room established under this act shall be forever free to the use of the inhabitants of the city where located, always subject to such reasonable rules and regulations as the Library Board may adopt, in order to render the use of said Library and Reading-Room of the greatest benefit to the greatest number; and said Board may exclude from the use of said Library and Reading-Room any and all persons who shall willfully violate such rules.

SEC. 7. The said Board of Directors shall make, on or before the second Monday in June, an annual report to the City Council, stating the condition of their trust on the first day of June of that year; the various sums of money received from the Library Fund and from other sources, and how such moneys have been expended and for what purposes; the number of books and periodicals on hand; the number added by purchase, gift, or otherwise, during the year; the number lost or missing; the number of visitors attending; the number of books loaned out, and the general character and kind of such books, with other statistics, information and suggestions as they may deem of general interest. All such portions of said report as relate to the receipt and expenditure of money, as well as the number of books on hand, books lost or missing, and books purchased, shall be verified by affidavit.

SEC. 8. The City Council of said city shall have power to pass ordinances imposing suitable penalties for the punishment of persons committing injury upon such Library, or the grounds or other property thereof, and for injury to, or failure to return, any book belonging to such Library.

SEC. 9. Any person desiring to make donations of money, personal property, or real estate for the benefit of such Library, shall have the right to vest the title to the money or real estate so donated in the Board of Directors created under this act, to be held and controlled by such Board, when accepted, according to the terms of the deed, gift, devise, or bequest of such property, and, as to such property, the said Board shall be held and considered to be Special Trustees.

SECTIONS 10 and 11 do not relate to city libraries.

SEC. 12. Whereas, all the libraries of Chicago were destroyed by the recent fire in that city, and large donations of books have been made to found a Free Library; and, whereas, no suitable building or organization exists to receive or preserve them; therefore, an emergency exists that this law shall take effect immediately; therefore, this act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

THE CITY ORDINANCE.

In conformity with the requirements of the bill, on Monday, March 18, 1872, Mayor Medill sent an ordinance to the Common Council establishing The Chicago Public Library, which was referred to the Judiciary Committee of the Council. This committee reported favorably upon the ordinance at a meeting of the Council held on the evening of April 1, 1872, when it was unanimously passed and the Library thereby established under Act of Legislature here given. The ordinance was signed by the Mayor, April 3, 1872.

FIRST BOARD OF DIRECTORS.

On April 8, 1872, the Mayor presented to the Common Council the names of the following gentlemen to constitute the first Board of Directors, the nominations being confirmed by the Council:

Thomas Hoyne, S. S. Hayes, R. F. Queal, J. W. Sheahan, D. L. Shorey, Herman Raster, Willard Woodard, Elliot Anthony, Julius Rosenthal.

In this Board, each division of the city, each occupation, and each leading religious denomination is fairly represented.

On the afternoon of Thursday, April 11, 1872, the Directors met and took the required oath of office, and arranged for their respective terms of office, as follows:

One year, Messrs. Hoyne, Queal, Shorey.

Two years, Messrs. Woodard, Anthony, Rosenthal.

Three years, Messrs. Raster, Sheahan, Hayes.

Thomas Hoyne was elected President of the Board, and it was arranged that the Board should hold semi-monthly meetings, which has been done regularly up to the present time.

STANDING COMMITTEES, 1872-'3.

Buildings and Grounds.—Messrs. Queal, Hayes and Shorey.

Library and Reading Room.—Anthony, Raster and Sheahan.

Finance.—Hayes, Raster and Queal.

Administration.—Rosenthal, Woodard and Sheahan.

By-laws and Regulations.—Shorey, Anthony and Woodard.

LOCATION OF THE LIBRARY.

The Library now being fully organized, and intelligence received by the Directors that large donations of books were being made in London, and elsewhere, it became necessary to provide some suitable room where the books could be safely shelved and made available to the public. To meet this requirement the Common Council authorized the Board of Public Works to construct a large room in the second story of the temporary City Hall, on the south-east corner of LaSalle and Adams streets, to be used as a reading-room. This room is adjoining and connected with the fire-proof brick structure heretofore known as "The Tank," which has been fitted up and furnished as a library-room, and where the books are to be kept until rooms are constructed for their accommodation in a suitable Library building. "The Tank" has a capacity of 18,000 volumes.

THE OPENING.

The formal opening of the reading-room of the Library took place with appropriate exercises at 11 o'clock on Jan. 1, 1873, a large number of Chicago's most prominent citizens being present. Promptly at the hour mentioned, the large assemblage of people were called to order by the President of the Board of Directors of the Library, Hon. Thomas Hoyne, who, in connection with his Honor, Mayor Medill, delivered the main addresses of the occasion.

ADDRESS OF HON. THOMAS HOYNE.

Prayer having been offered by the Rev. Dr. Ryder, Mr. Hoyne spoke as follows:

GENTLEMEN: The Board of Directors of the Chicago Public Library have thought the New Year's Day of 1873 an appropriate time upon which they might congratulate the "City Fathers" and the general public on so important an event as the opening—to the free use of the people, for the first time—the Reading Room of this new municipal institution. Those among us residing here since the year 1837, when the city was first organized under a municipal charter of government—have witnessed during that time a marvelous development. The city, from a population of some three thousand souls, has reached four hundred thousand! It has advanced from a village site to a great metropolitan city. During this interval we have been frequently called upon to witness or inaugurate some of those single enterprises through or by means of which all of this has come to pass. We have seen mile upon mile of level swamp and prairie land raised up to town grade, many feet above the original level, transformed into miles of paved streets; the waste places covered with palace shops, costly mansions, and mammoth stores and warehouses. Ten thousand miles of railroad have been rapidly concentrating at our doors the commerce, the traffic, and the products of tens of thousands of square miles of territory which the commercial position of the city so naturally commands. Along all the great rivers to the two gulfs, and upon our great lakes, between the two oceans of our "Ocean-bound Re-

public," the very spirit of the Great West, (using the language of a late number of the *Financier*), "like morning light, is polarized at Chicago."

THE GREAT LOCAL CALAMITY

which, a little more than a year ago, drove into the street more homeless families, and destroyed more property in buildings, than had ever before signalized the occurrence of so fearful an ordeal, seems to only demonstrate how this veritable spirit of the Great West can rebuild a better city now, within a year after the calamity, than had been built within the thirty years of municipal existence that preceded that event.

And yet, gentlemen, in view of all the material and commercial progress, I venture to say that, in inaugurating this enterprise of a Free Public Library and Reading Room to-day, we are introducing a more powerful and important agency of moral and intellectual progress, and adding more to the true advancement of our civilization as a people, than we have yet done by any single, it may be all the works in which the city has yet been engaged. It may be well for me here

TO RECAPITULATE BRIEFLY

the steps of our progress in this enterprise. It is nearly a year since a few gentlemen addressed a request to our Mayor, in writing, to call a public meeting of citizens at Plymouth Congregational Church, on Wabash avenue, with a view to immediate adoption of some measures to establish a Free Public Library in Chicago.

Mr. Medill, the Mayor, at once called the meeting, through the newspapers, for the evening of the 8th of January, 1872. At this meeting a resolution was passed authorizing the Mayor to appoint a committee of at least fifteen persons to prepare the necessary legislation for the purpose, and, as soon as practicable, call another meeting, at which the Committee was to report.

The Committee was appointed, consisting of some twenty-two persons, and after maturing the plan of a law or bill, by modifying one which was then pending before the General Assembly of the State (introduced by the late Mr. Caldwell, from Peoria)—reported the draft of a bill, as amended, to a meeting of citizens called at the present City Hall, on the 20th day of January, 1872. The Chairman of that meeting (Mr. Hoyne), who was also Chairman of the Committee that had been appointed, was authorized to send a Committee to Springfield to secure the passage of the bill into a law as soon as possible.

The bill matured (in concert with the Committee on Education of the Lower House of the Legislature, and the Chairman of the Committee of citizens, who made a journey to Springfield)—became, and was finally passed into a law, which took effect on the 7th day of March last.

On the 7th day of April, the Common Council, upon a report of the Mayor, adopted an ordinance declaring, in accordance with the act, "That there shall be, and there is hereby established a Free Public Library and Reading Room for the use of the inhabitants of the City of Chicago, to be known as the 'Chicago Public Library,' and that 'there should be provided and set apart, under the direction of the Board of Public Works, a room for the reception of any books that may be donated or procured for such Library, until a permanent location be otherwise provided.'"

On the 8th day of April, 1872, at the next meeting of the Common Council, the Mayor appointed the first Library Board of nine Directors under the act, in which appointment the Council concurred, and they at once entered upon the discharge of the trusts assigned to their care by law. On the 11th of April, the Board assembled for the first time, and organized by electing a President, and Mr. Sheahan was appointed Secretary, to act until a permanent one could be paid and selected. As may be supposed

THE VERY FIRST DIFFICULTY

with which they contended was the need of proper rooms or funds to provide even temporary quarters. As you are aware, the act authorizing cities and towns to establish and maintain free public libraries and reading rooms, provides that the Council may levy a tax of not to exceed *one-fifth* of a mill on a dollar annually, in all cities of over one hundred thousand inhabitants, on all the taxable property of the city, to be collected in like manner as all other taxes of said city, and to be known and set apart as the "Library Fund," to be exclusively under the control and to be expended by the Library Board. But it required a year to elapse before this levy of

a fifth of mill could be made available by collection. The annual lists of 1872 are only now beginning to realize some portion of this fund in the City Treasury.

But, fortunately, your Board have not been entirely without resources. The invention of the Mayor came to our aid. And it was found that by his co-operation, with the Board of Public Works, library quarters might be improvised out of the abandoned, and, for some years, useless

IRON WATER-TANK

built some years ago on this lot as a distributing reservoir for the South Division of the city. Being sixty feet in diameter, thirty feet in height, circular in shape, and constructed of iron, it was capable of becoming a fire-proof rotunda, with room to arrange 1,800 volumes of books on shelves; and, as such, it has been transformed into a library by roofing and shelving. If the objection be made by some that it is placed too high up into the air for convenience—standing as it does upon a solid brick and stonework of rather ostentatious masonry; about thirty-five feet high,—yet it towers above the City Hall, a stern and dark-looking dome of no mean proportions, and when considered in connection with its object, it may be regarded as a beacon light upon a hill; a new reservoir of knowledge, instead of water, shedding light and wisdom upon the counsels of the City Fathers. Taking it, however, as it is—a really safe fire-proof receptacle or vault for the keeping of books, and in connection with this large room of 54x50, also constructed for us by the Board of Public Works—we have every reason to be thankful for the present temporary quarters.

Indeed, we may congratulate ourselves that within a year after the first meeting of the citizens,—in eight months since the passage of the law, and in less than *seven months* since our own appointment,—we are thus able to present, on this

HAPPY NEW YEAR'S DAY

of 1873, the temporary quarters we now occupy. Without as yet any money resources, except such as we have been able, through the kindness of Comptroller Burley, to anticipate or borrow, we have drawn upon the future, and ventured to open at once the Reading Room of what will soon be the great Free Library of the People.

These rooms will be furnished with many of the leading publications issued abroad and in this country. They will comprise, during the first six months, magazines or newspapers from England, Germany, Ireland, France, Spain, Scotland, Italy, Norway, Bohemia, beside a large number of American publications.

Any account I could give of our progress would be noticeably incomplete without a reference to the generous and noble contributions known as the English foundation "for a new Library at Chicago."

It will be remembered that long before the first meeting of our citizens, already referred to, in this city last January, as the origin of the present movement,—that immediately after our great fire in October, 1871, an appeal was sent out in the nature of a circular from Thomas Hughes and his associates at London to the effect that,

AS A MARK OF SYMPATHY,

the people of England should present a new Library to the afflicted people of Chicago. A correspondence found its way into all the public prints of the British Empire—among distinguished living writers, statesmen, publishers, and book men—warmly seconding this movement.

A copy of the printed circular, in the nature of an appeal, has come to hand. It bears the leading and influential names of Her Majesty, the Queen of England, the Premier, Gladstone, the present Lord Chancellor, Sir Roundell Palmer, the Duke of Argyle, and the no less distinguished, although untitled names of such great writers as Carlyle, Disraeli, and others.

In this circular the work is urged upon the ground "that the *new* Library of Chicago is to be a mark of sympathy now, and a token of that sentiment of kinship which, independently of circumstances, and independently of every other consideration, must ever powerfully affect the different branches of the English race."

"Accordingly," it says, "while the home literature of the present day, and of the last hundred years, will form an important portion of the new Library, the characteristic feature of the gift will consist in sending to the Americans works of the thirteen preceding centuries, which are the common inheritance of both peoples."

It then concludes by requesting "the authors, writers, and publishers of books—the heads of colleges and societies of the United Kingdom, and the representatives of historic and distinguished names, to send in such works illustrative of early English history as may be of rare merit, or difficult to find outside of their respective collections."

Under this call for the new Library of Chicago, books rapidly began to accumulate on the hands of the gentlemen who organized the enterprise at London. This Board, soon after their appointment in April last, learning that

MR. JOHN ROBSON,

(a resident of this city, and formerly the Librarian of the "Library Association," which was lost in our great fire,) was in London, and that he had volunteered his own services to relieve those gentlemen of the labor of receiving and taking charge of the books,—this Board appointed him their agent to receive all contributions coming in under the call; and to secure and ship to this city all contributions made toward this endowment.

Among other contributions, is a large sum of money placed at the disposition of our agent—the special gift of Thomas Hughes and his associates—to purchase such works of general interest and value as he might deem best suited to supply the immediate demand of the Chicago public. Mr. Robson is exercising this discretion, under the supervision of this Board, to whom he recently submitted a catalogue of 1,100 volumes to be purchased for our shelves. The list has been returned, with some modifications, and the order will be executed according to our suggestions.

The Board cannot yet, with any approach to accuracy, state the entire number of volumes which they are to expect from

THE ENGLISH DONATION.

Mr. Robson writes that he is making a catalogue, which he has promised to send us as soon as practicable. In the mean time, he is packing up and shipping the books from the Crystal Palace at Sydenham, near London, where they are being sent in and collected. We have received, per ocean steamers, some nine cases, and we are advised by Mr. Robson that he has already shipped some nine cases more, not yet received. We have put upon our shelves, of this collection, in all, some 1,200 volumes.

Among this number are 287 volumes received direct from the great publishers, McMillan & Co., of London. Among these are included special gifts of their works, donated by English authors, among whom are Bright, Huxley, Kingsley, Maudsley, Vaughan, Touge, and others.

Among other donors of the books received are: John Murray; The Royal Scottish Society of Arts; the Universities of Cambridge and Oxford; the works of J. Stuart Mill, presented by himself; Sir Charles Lyell; Samuel Smiles; Professor Layard; Arthur Burgher Stanley; Proprietors of the *Athenæum*, 28 volumes; Wesleyan Missionary Society, 136 volumes; and the *Art Journal*, 23 volumes.

We have from the Master of the English Rolls, 182 volumes of the most valuable collection, perhaps, ever published in Great Britain, under an Act of Parliament passed many years ago. They comprise the British calendar of State papers, containing all the early correspondence of the English Court with foreign countries,—constituting the best sources of authentic history from the earliest periods.

There is included 112 volumes of the chronicles and memorials of the earliest times of which any account or record can be found, in relation to Great Britain and Ireland,—among them the copy of the celebrated "Domesday Book," the first record of the lands of the Kingdom, and copies of all original records in the Norman-French and early Saxon, as well as English languages. These all are the gifts of the English Government, presented through the Master of the Rolls, under whose direction they were published.

BESIDES THESE,

we have been presented with complete sets from the Royal Commissioners of the English Patent Office, including 70,000 plates of specifications, comprising 2,800 large quarto volumes of the English Patent Office Reports, which have been printed at a cost of £2,600, making, in gold, some $13,000. The gift includes the addition of the volumes to be issued in every year ensuing, equal to an addition of some 140 vol-

umes in each year. By a rule of the Commissioners, it is required in the few instances when the Government makes such donations as this to go out of the Kingdom, that the volumes shall be bound for preservation before leaving London. Accordingly, we have given our directions to Mr. Robson as to binding this large donation, of which there are only five or six complete sets in the United States, besides the Astor Library copy, in New York.

Including this 2,800 volumes of Patent Office Reports, it is probable that we shall receive from England, towards the foundation of our Free Library, at least 6,000, and probably it may be 8,000 volumes.

The volumes already received all bear neatly printed labels inside the first cover of each book, indicating the object, as it is expressed, thus: "Presented towards the formation of a Free Library at Chicago, since the great fire of October, 1871, as a mark of sympathy,"—by the author or publisher of the book, whose name, or autograph, is usually written into a blank space left for that purpose.

Hence, among the collection, will be found the autograph signatures of Gladstone, John Bright, Herbert Spencer, John Stuart Mill, Lord Romilly, Disraeli, Carlyle. Arthur B. Stanley, Smiles, Layard, Kingsley, Maudsley, Huxley, Murray, Lyell, Freeman, Rossetti, Markham, Masson, Reynolds, Todhunter, Vaughan, besides officers of British Museum, and collections from Oxford and Cambridge, all the Anglican and religious societies; and we are informed by Mr. Robson that the Irish and Scotch Members of Parliament are collecting, to send in from those countries, the works of their best authors.

NOR IS THE GERMAN COLLECTION TO BE OMITTED.

It has been presented to the Board through the kindness of the distinguished publisher at Leipsic, Alexander Adelman. He inaugurated the collection upon the appeal which was sent out from this city after the fire by our German fellow-citizens, Messrs. Kilholtz and Dyrenfurth, with whom Mr. Adelman has been in constant correspondence. The collection embraces some 800 volumes, besides a large number of pamphlet publications. A committee of two of the Board, Messrs. Rosenthal and Raster, have been appointed to prepare such of the most valuable portion of this collection as come to hand unbound for appropriate binding.

Besides these works, the Board have anticipated their resources so far as to order from Leipsic an entire copy of 1,249 volumes of "Tauchnitz Edition" of German (translated) and English publications, neatly bound, which, with the duties remitted as provided on all cases of importation made for public libraries, will give us the whole 1,249 volumes at a cost of less than forty cents for each volume, or about $500 for the entire set.

I HAVE TO ADD

that, since the writing of this report, we have been favored with a great many additional contributions from our own citizens. We shall have, at the close of this day, if we have not already, 3,157 volumes upon our shelves. Among the donors from the city are the following: Mayor Medill, Robert Hervey, Julius Rosenthal, Elliott Anthony, Robert F. Queal, J. L. Pickard, Joseph Huhn, Adolph Moses, Rev. Walter Forsyth, John H. Small, Professor Fisk, Miss A. Brown, Professor Delano, Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Colwell, Edward A. Hill, Mrs. O. A. Hoge, Charles F. Jilson, H. W. S. Cleveland, E. M. Goodrich, (set of *Harper's Magazines*,) Dr. Willard, J. S. McIntire, Rev. H. N. Powers, Samuel Thornton, Edward F. Williams, W. H. Zarsum, Gen. Stiles, L. B. Jameson, Thomas Wilce, J. E. Otis, W. H. Clarke, B. B. Stone, Mr. and Mrs. Leander Stone, James W. Sheahan.

I have also to state that Dr. Andrews, the President of the Faculty of the Chicago Medical College, proposes to turn over the entire collection of the medical works of the institution, with the only condition that they shall be retained in the library room as books of reference. A large number of citizens who are present this morning have also donated books, but the Secretary having been unable to record their names, they will be published hereafter.

Thus we may expect to have on our shelves, within the next three months, some

TEN OR TWELVE THOUSAND VOLUMES

of works donated or purchased. It is probable that after our tax of the first year, 1872, is realized, we may have $50,000, and after providing for the necessary ex-

penses of running the institution, and after re-imbursing the money already drawn by way of anticipation, that the Board will be enabled to spend about $25,000 the present year, in the purchase of such a number of useful and popular works as may enable us to open the Library in connection with the Reading Room.

In respect to all the books already received, or to come in as gifts from abroad, it will become an important question, which the Board has not yet decided, whether they should be permitted to go beyond the room of the Library for use after it is opened. It will be necessary to consider the character and circumstances of such endowments. And, considering the number of important works received directly from the hands of some of the greatest writers of the country, containing their autograph signatures, they should ever be preserved and set apart as *souvenirs* of that great sympathy which so moved the universal heart of mankind after the fire to relieve our distress, inspiring us with new courage in face of one of the most appalling disasters, and making the restoration of Chicago a fact even more noticeable than its destruction.

The Board is cautiously and, it is hoped, successfully, feeling its way, and it has incurred no unnecessary expense, and, so far, it has retained only two assistants besides the efficient and able Secretary, Mr. W. B. Wickersham, who, for the time being, also acts as our Librarian.

THE BENEFITS.

At the risk of uttering very much that may be considered trite and commonplace, I cannot close these remarks without a word or two in estimation of the great benefits expected to accrue to every class of our people from the establishment of a great Free Library upon such a basis as will insure it at all times a reliable and permanent support. It opens to a large and unprovided class in every great city like our own the means, and, in some instances, the only means, of moral and intellectual improvement. An access to good libraries, as we know, cultivates the higher tastes, and develops powers in human nature which might otherwise remain dormant. A large class of those whose hours might otherwise be wasted in vice or folly, will soon find how much better they can employ that time in pursuits which, while they afford the highest pleasure, are not only harmless, but purifying and elevating.

We should, indeed, congratulate ourselves that, for the first time in our municipal history, and I believe in the history of this State, that a public law secures to the masses of the people, and that reliable means are to be provided for the support and maintenance of free library and reading-room advantages.

It is true that before our great fire the generous and public-spirited portion of the citizens had succeeded, by taxing themselves, in establishing many useful means of general instruction. We had an Academy of Sciences, and an Academy of Design, filled with valuable collections. The city had a Historical Society, with a large and valuable collection of original and curious documents, illustrative of all that connected itself with the history and development of the Great West. It had, besides, the collections of the "Healey Gallery" that were hung in its halls, whose place can scarcely be filled with works of more exceeding merit.

We had the "Library Association," with its reading room and valuable, though limited collection of books. The Young Men's Christion Union; the Catholic, Baptist, and other literary associations of great utility, all endeavoring to fill the place that must eventually be filled by some one large and complete collection of books, free for the use of all sects, and schools, and classes. But without regular and permanent income, or means of support, the success and progress of all voluntary effort or association must, in the nature of things, be always attended with uncertainty. Properly managed, there is no reason to doubt that this institution can bring to this city within a short period the best works of ancient and modern literature and art from all countries. It will secure a free access to all works of the human intellect in all the fields of thought. There can be

NO EXCLUSION OR SECLUSION.

Free to every reader, it will also be free to their books. Neither nationality, party, or creed can take offense, because the shelves are ready to receive the books of all creeds and schools that may be sent here, or which the means of the Board will enable them to purchase. "Error (a great statesman has said) may always be tolerated wherever truth is entirely free to combat it."

Except as to works of a positively vicious character, no work should be excluded from a library intended for the use of all classes, and maintained by a tax upon the property of the people. Every Church, creed, philosophy, profession, or school may, and in time no doubt will, have its own best representatives on our shelves. And every disciple of each faith or profession may here seek its most eloquent expounders.

In this respect the Board will not only follow the spirit of the law itself, but also the experience and example of all great public libraries in Europe and America. It is hoped by the Board that the time may soon come when on the shelves of the Chicago Public Library every scholar may find whatever work that has ever been published which can afford useful instruction or harmless amusement.

And not alone is it expected that mere text books shall be found in our rooms, but other publications illustrative of the arts, as well as works of art themselves, so that art lovers may find means of cultivating the higher tastes of the respective professions to which they belong. In this way it is hoped that the young metropolis of the West, from this day forward, will form herself according to higher standards of excellence than hitherto in all that sphere of commercial progress, and material and moral achievement, within which she now appears as the great central figure of the American continent.

Our much-respected Chief Magistrate, Mayor Medill, said a few weeks ago, in his address at the opening of the new Chamber of Commerce (the first anniversary day of the great fire), that "after all, our great fire may prove to be a blessing in disguise." I am a convert to his doctrine, and the establishment of this Library is not the least of the blessings which the fire so providentially has been a proximate cause of producing.

THE NEW CHAMBER OF COMMERCE,

begun the day after the fire, was finished within the year. It is in itself a beautiful monument to the enterprise of the great commercial spirit that moves our business in Chicago, while it illustrates the genius of our artisans and workmen in rebuilding our desolate places in such a manner as surprises even the denizens of Chicago. Yet we may doubt whether the greatness of all the commerce which in London surrounds the "British Museum" is at all equal in value to the vital effects produced by that institution upon the commerce and structure of our social organization. Such centers of learning—collecting, as into a common reservoir, all the knowledge of mankind, the experience of ages, and the use of the arts—is to our civilization what the Sun is in the economy of Universal Life. Let its light be withdrawn, and a darkness must succeed more perilous to all the interests of our common humanity than would the destruction of all the centers of trade in Christendom.

The long night of what is known in history as the "Dark Ages" soon ensued upon the destruction, by an Arabian conquerer in the seventh century, of all the works collected in the Alexandrian Library. The "revival of letters" followed very soon upon the discovery of the art of printing, which soon brought again to the knowledge of mankind "the lost arts." The increase of books not only recovered what had been lost, but added a new stimulus to the discovery of the thousand useful inventions which now so materially advance the happiness of our race, and add to the progress of our modern civilization. Commerce cannot afford to be indifferent to the library and the reading room. She, more than others, needs the help of science, which has constantly opened up the paths of her progress and glory. The city has cause to congratulate itself, that to-day she crowns her other labors of the rebuilding of her vacant sites since the fire, by this work of founding a great public library. This alone gives promise of greater security to property, while it assures in greater measure the intellectual and moral improvement of all her inhabitants in the future.

IN CONCLUSION.

I cannot close this address without expressing to the Mayor, the Board of Public Works, the Comptroller, and members of the Common Council the acknowledgments of our Board of Directors for the generous and prompt spirit with which they have so far seconded their efforts in the progress already made. To the Mayor we owe especial thanks for the useful zeal and intelligent counsel which he has always placed at our service. "His own work will praise him in the gates of the city," and he scarcely will ever need any other eulogist.

Gentlemen, I conclude as I began, dedicating this hall and these rooms to the uses of the people. I wish you all the greetings of the season.

ADDRESS OF MAYOR MEDILL.

At the close of his remarks, Mr. Hoyne introduced Hon. Joseph Medill, Mayor, who delivered the following address:

FELLOW CITIZENS: When I received an invitation from the Chairman of the Board of Directors to be present on the occasion of the inauguration of the Chicago Free Library, I accepted it with the promise that I would make a few extempore remarks, limiting myself, I believe, to ten minutes. The Chairman of the Association said that perhaps there would be no formal speeches or prepared remarks, and on this understanding I promised to come. The fact of the matter is, that I had no time that I felt that I could spare to prepare such an address as the occasion really deserved; but I learned last night, somewhat to my surprise, that the President of the Board had prepared a formal, able and eloquent speech to deliver, and that other gentlemen who would follow me would come equally well prepared. I was obliged, therefore, to hurry to my desk last evening and put together as best I could what I proposed to say upon this occasion. If my remarks fall short of your expectations, you must attribute it to a lack of time in which to prepare myself. Without further preface I shall now enter upon my subject which is, "The Chicago Free Library—its uses and usefulness."

Solomon declares that "to everything there is a season, and a time for every purpose under heaven." One year ago a few public-spirited citizens came to the conclusion that the time had come for founding a public library for the people of Chicago. The fire had consumed all the association libraries, and cleared the ground for building up an encyclopædian library in keeping with the character of the city and equal to its future wants. Acting on that thought, they called a public meeting, to be presided over by the Mayor, to consider the proper steps to be taken to carry that purpose into effect. What you now see accomplished is the result of the resolutions adopted by that preliminary meeting. But right here let me accord honor where honor is due, for we owe to our English friends, under the lead of Hon. Thos. Hughes, M. P., the first suggestion for founding a Chicago free library, and also the first contribution of books thereto, all of which has been duly explained to you in the address of the Chairman, Mr. Hoyne.

There would be much more progress to exhibit if the Board of Directors, when they organized on the 11th of April last, had found any means at their disposal for providing suitable rooms for the reception of books, and for their procurement. But they were obliged to begin business without a dollar, or even a room in which to meet for consultation. The appropriation ordinance was not passed until the 1st of July, 1872, and then there was no money in the treasury subject to the order of the Board, because tax-paying time had not arrived. However, "by hook or by crook," enough was squeezed out to fit up the reservoir for the reception of books, and to build this reading-room and to provide it with furniture. The place for shelving the books is believed to be safe from fire, as it is substantially a great vault, constructed of iron and brick, with a roof of cement and glass. Within the ensuing six months the tax revenue of the Board will be $56,000, from which deduct say $16,000 already expended in providing these accommodations, and other expenses, and there remains about $40,000 to be applied in the purchase of books, and handling them for the use of the public.

With the foreign and home donations to be received, I shall be disappointed not to find 30,000 volumes in the possession of the Board before the end of this year; and on their records, at least half that number of names of regular readers. From now forth there will be a visible daily increase of books. The library will not be of slow, sickly, or doubtful growth; but it will progress with rapid strides, because, like the sun, it will shine for all.

This enterprise has enlisted the hearty sympathy, and has behind it the solid support, of the whole people of Chicago. The ways and means will therefore be

forthcoming for its expansion and maintenance. The pride of the city is touched, and nothing short of the greatest popular and standard library on the continent will satisfy the ambition of Chicago. It will be cosmopolitan in its composition. Every element of which our population is composed will find the literature of the land of their birth and mother tongue on the shelves of this library, and free as the air they breathe to all readers.

Great as are the anticipated results from this institution, the cost of it will never be felt by the tax-payers. We collect and expend now, for all purposes, over $5,500,000 per annum. The assessment for the support of this library is but one-hundredth part of this sum. We are spending now nearly $1,000,000 a year in the building of school houses and maintenance of schools, attended by 28,000 or 30,000 children. But, never since the city was organized, has it spent a dollar to furnish a book for the instruction and enlightenment of persons past the school age.

The time has now come to turn over a new leaf in this matter. There must be something more and better offered to our tens of thousands of young men than billiard tables, dance-houses and tippling shops for their instruction and amusement. (Applause.)

Mere material pursuits have engrossed the thoughts of our citizens too intently and fully. Men were not intended to devote their whole time, mind, strength and affections to money-getting, to rearing magnificent palaces for trade and commerce or private habitation, and filling them with costly fabrics and furniture. Other objects than commerce, manufactures, castles, money and merchandise should have a place in the thoughts of sensible men and women.

The wise man says, "get wisdom, get understanding, and forget it not." "Wisdom is the principal thing, therefore get wisdom, and with all thy getting get understanding." "Take fast hold of instruction; let it not go; keep it, *for it is thy life.*"

The life of one man is greater than another in proportion to his superiority of knowledge. If he knows nothing he is an idiot; if only a little, he is a savage or a barbarian, and generally a serf or a slave. Instruction is the food of mental life. The more it is partaken of, the clearer, brighter, greater is that life.

The mind of the untutored man may be likened to a taper in the dark, casting feeble rays scarcely an arm's length around. But as he increases in knowledge his light shines brighter and penetrates the darkness further. His mental life grows and expands with his increase of information. And as the flame of a Drummond light overpowers and obscures that of a taper or candle, so does that of a great and highly-educated brain bear sway over the ignorant, and enjoy a sweep and range of thought and understanding utterly beyond the comprehension of the illiterate.

We send children to school to study books, to store their minds with useful primary information, and learn how to think and reason. But education should not end with school days, but should be continued through life. Schoolhood should only be the opening chapter and preface of the volume of life.

Man must depend on study, not on instinct, for knowledge and wisdom. Ideas are not innate, but are the product of previous information obtained by preception and study. The brain, when untaught, is a blank. It lies inert or dormant, and must be roused to action by external application and internal effort. We can think correctly only within the circumference of our information. Outside of that all is error, guesswork, superstition, and vain imagination. Books are magazines or storehouses of matured thoughts and information. Education is the process of transferring the ideas, facts, and knowledge contained in books to the mind of the learner or student. He that has transferred none is an ignoramus; he that has transferred much is a scholar, and he that has transferred a little is a smatterer. The power of thinking and reasoning depends upon this absorption of thoughts evolved from the brains of others. We light our lamp from theirs, and increase its flame in proportion to the material we draw from them for the support of the mental combustion. For the mind may be compared to stores of oxygen lying inert, and which will only give forth light and heat by contact with carbon. This carbon is the thoughts of thinkers brought in contact with the brain, and producing the sparks and flame we call ideas and reason. To increase these sparks and brighten this flame, we must bring the mind into continual contact with the produced thoughts of others. There is no limit to the strength and

size of the flame of thought that may be thus evolved. The less we know the nearer we approach the plane of the beasts and birds; the more we know the nearer we approach the plane of angels and our Maker. The power of man over nature and his accidents is in proportion to his mental development.

The influence and power of a city, state, or nation, is not measured by its numbers, but by its enlightenment, by its thinkers. If it be said that the wealth of a city or nation measures its power or influence, I reply that its wealth is the product of its intelligence. An ignorant nation is never rich, and what riches it may possess, it knows not how to use to secure influence or command respect. Truly, knowledge is power—power for every purpose. An educated people are always a free people. They can never be conquered or deprived of their liberties. Their resources for defense against attacks are infinite, and their courage never fails. It is the ignorant who are cowards in a struggle for the preservation of liberty and independence, for they do not appreciate the value of freedom, and they do not know how to defend it. An educated people are temperate and virtuous, decent and industrious, respectable and energetic, benevolent and wealthy. They are free from want and escape the pangs of poverty and the woes of wretchedness. Invention and improvement and labor-saving machinery are the products of intelligence. Whatever, then, increases the stock of knowledge in a community, adds to the thinking power of that people, and just in proportion to this thinking power will be their wealth and prosperity, their influence and authority in the world. (Applause.)

Now, I hold that no single agency will contribute more to this most important desideratum than a great public library, amply supported and comprehensively conducted—a library where books will find their way into every household, and their contents into every mind. You want a central library of standard and reference volumes, covering the whole domain of higher literature, art and science, with reading-rooms which will accommodate hundreds of persons at the same time. And you must establish branch libraries in various parts of the city for the convenient distribution of books. Every inducement and temptation should be held out by the management to the young people of the city to patronize the public library and its branches. There should be a course of *free* lectures given every winter on all useful, interesting and instructive subjects. And our own scholars and thinkers should be induced and encouraged to address these audiences, and they should be compensated therefor.

There are growing up in this city thousands of neglected young men of immature and inchoate minds. They are looked after by the caterers of licentiousness and dissipation, and are rapidly graduating into roughs and rowdies and grog-shop habitues. They learn to read at the public schools, but since leaving them nothing has been placed in their hands in the shape of a decent or moral book or periodical, and they have made no advancement in useful information, and without some external influence is brought to bear upon them, which will change their thoughts into better channels, they will drift farther and farther from the walks of virtue and knowledge under the influence of the low and vicious temptations of city life. I have strong hopes that our public library, when well established and its books well circulated, will be the means of rescuing many young men from the downward road they are now traveling, and preventing thousands of others from entering upon paths of vice and dissipation. This library can be made the literary headquarters and intellectual focus of our city and the Northwest. It should become the most attractive resort for strangers sojourning among us.

A book is an author talking to a reader, telling what he knows about a particular subject, and in the best style of expression. The address is to the eye instead of the ear, and through that sense the thoughts of the author are conveyed to the mind more accurately and connectedly, and leaves a deeper impression than when transmitted orally; because the attention is not hurried and portions of the sense lost, as in verbal delivery. A great library contains myriads of these fleshless lecturers, who are never sick, absent or die. The body of the author may have crumbled into the dust long ago, but his thoughts still live. Here you can sit down amid the great masters of reason, poetry, fiction, history, physics, and hold converse with them. You can ask an audience with Homer, Virgil, Plato, Demosthenes or Confucius. You may travel over the ancient world with Herodotus, study the exact sciences with Euclid and

Archimedes, and moral philosophy with Socrates, or, descending the stream of time, enter the Inferno with Dante, or penetrate the inmost recesses of the heart with Shakspeare, Goethe, and Racine; or range through the starry vaults of heaven and study the forces which control the universe with Newton and Kepler, or investigate the anatomy of the earth with Lyle, Hitchcock, Miller and Murchisson, or the composition of its materials with Davy, Liebig, Lavoisier, Scheele, Faraday, Huxley, and Tyndall. And to indicate other fields of thought searched by brilliant intellects I have only to mention such names as Bacon, Locke, Paley, Montesque, Hallam, Gibbon, Grote, Carlyle, Schiller, Whewell, De Tocqueville, Humboldt, Agassiz, Buckle, Leckey, Cuvier, Compte, Mill, Darwin, Spencer, Scott, Macaulay, Dickens, Irving, Milton, Moore, Goldsmith, Pope, Franklin, Greeley, Emerson, Burke, Gratton, Webster, Jefferson, Hamilton, Longfellow, Motley, Bancroft, Channing, Beecher, Tennyson and Bryant.

But I must venture no further in the catalogue of mighty thinkers, and in calling this roll of fame, for their name is legion, though it is a tempting path to tread, as such names, when suggested, bring back to memory the great thoughts of those great men; and I must bring these remarks to a close.

When a list of books is presented to the reader, the titles of many or most of them may be strange and new to him. But his curiosity is excited to find out something about them and to discover how they discuss some topic with which he is more or less familiar, or with which he desires to become acquainted. Thus, when the opportunity of finding any author on any subject is presented, it is embraced by multitudes of persons who otherwise would never have known anything of either subject or writer. Hence it is that a free library creates readers, and remarkably extends the general information of the community, and perpetually increases the taste and desire for reading, and with them the power of thinking and writing.

Few persons have the means to purchase, or the ability to select an extensive private library. It seems like dead capital; it is liable to be destroyed by fire or water, and scattered or lost by death or debt of the owner. Then, again, it is only read by one man or family, and most of the books are rarely and many of them never opened. Large private libraries are nearly always idle books; nobody is reading them, and they are doing little good. But put them together in a public library, to be owned and perused by the whole city and its visitors, and they become like money in active circulation, doing good daily. And this is a bank whose vaults are stored with the treasures of thought richer and better than greenbacks or gold. It may be checked upon without fear of breaking or embarrassing it; and the more its treasures are borrowed the richer in thought and purer in morals its customers become. It charges no interest for the use of its loans, and no repayment for the ideas and facts derived therefrom. (Applause.)

For all practical purposes the public library will be the private property of each citizen, for if each person owned a duplicate copy of its contents he could only spend his spare time in reading them, and that he may do hereafter with the books of the public library. And then he has this great advantage: he is not subjected to the expense of taking care of them, providing a place for them, or purchasing the new books and periodicals as fast as they are issued.

A great public library with its branches is like a great public park, with its connecting smaller parks. The parks are for the recreation and enjoyment of the whole people, for the improvement of their health and promotion of their happiness; so the public library will be for the improvement of their mind and promotion of their intellectual enjoyment, with this superiority over the parks, that in improving and developing the mind of the masses it adds to their strength and power to meet and surmount the ills of life, to banish misery and poverty, to open up higher and better opportunities for success, and to rescue its votaries from vice and vulgarity, sin and ignorance. (Applause.)

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ART. I. Regular Meetings of the Board shall be held on the 1st and 3d Saturdays of each month, at 3 o'clock p. m., from the 1st of April until the 1st of October, and from the 1st of October to the 1st of April, at 2 p. m.

ART. II. Special Meetings may be called by the Secretary upon the written request of the President, or any two members of the Board.

ART. III. Two Directors shall constitute a quorum of the Board; but no appropriation shall be made or indebtedness incurred to an amount exceeding $100, without the concurring votes of a majority of all the Members of the Board.

ART. IV. Any question before the Board may be taken by ayes and noes at the request of any two members of the Board.

ART. V. It shall be the duty of the President to preside at all meetings of the Board; to sign all vouchers approved by the Board, upon which, drafts shall be drawn upon the City Treasury in account of the Library Fund; to appoint the Standing Committees for the year; to prepare for the consideration of the Board, the annual report of the Board of Directors required by the seventh section of the "Free Public Library Act." (See page 7.)

ART. VI. There shall be five (5) Standing Committees of the Board: a Committee on Buildings and Grounds; on the Library and Reading Rooms; on Finances; on Administration; on By-Laws and Regulations—each Committee consisting of three Directors.

ART. VII. The order of business at regular Meetings of the Board shall be as follows; (1) Reading the records of the previous meeting. (2) Communications. (3) Unfinished business. (4) Reports from Standing Committees. (5) Reports from Special Committees. (6) Reports of Officers. (7) New business.

ART. VIII. A list of all the subjects referred to Committees of the Board, with dates of reference, shall be kept by the Secretary.

ART. IX. The notice of any Special Meeting shall state the business of the Meeting, and no business shall be transacted at such meeting not stated in the notice.

ART. X. No amendment to the By-Laws shall be acted upon until the next regular meeting after the same shall have been proposed.

ART. XI. The Reading Room for periodicals shall be under the charge of the Secretary until a Librarian is appointed; and shall be open from 9 o'clock a. m., until 9 o'clock p. m., every day. They may be used by any person of good deportment and habits.

ART. XII. All conversation and conduct inconsistent with the quiet and orderly use of the Reading Room are strictly prohibited.

ART. XIII. Whenever a periodical is called for and taken from the desk, its name or title, together with the name and residence of the borrower, must be written on a slip of paper, to be furnished for the purpose, and left with the attendants.

ART. XIV. Any person abusing the privileges of the Library or Reading-Room, by unbecoming conduct, or by the violation of any of the Regulations, by intentional defacement of a book, pamphlet, periodical, or paper, by writing in or on it, or in any other way, shall be reported to the Directors as soon as may be, and by them excluded from the Reading-Room or Library for a time, or permanently, according to the nature and degree of the delinquency or default; but in case of any gross offense, the Librarian, Acting Librarian, or his Assistant or Assistants, or representative, shall act summarily in the matter, and cause the offender to be at once excluded from the building, reporting the case to the Directors as soon as possible for their final decision.

ART. XV. The term of service of all employes in the Library and Reading Room shall expire on the second Monday of July succeeding their appointment; and they shall be subject to removal at any time at the pleasure of the Board of Directors, for sufficient cause.

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THE CHICAGO PUBLIC LIBRARY:

HISTORY OF ITS ORIGIN AND FORMATION.

THE FIRST MOVE.

THE Great Fire of October 9, 1871, having destroyed all the large libraries of the city, a number of Chicago's more intelligent and enterprising citizens conceived the idea of making a movement looking toward the establishment, upon a broad and liberal basis, of a free public library similar to those enjoyed by most other large cities. In accordance with this desire, the following paper was presented to the Mayor on Wednesday, January 3, 1872:

HON. JOSEPH MEDILL, *Mayor of Chicago.*

The undersigned respectfully request that you call a public meeting of the citizens of Chicago with reference to the establishment of a free public library in Chicago, to be held at Plymouth Church, corner Wabash avenue and Eldridge court, on Monday, the 8th inst. (Jan.) at 7½ p. m., and that you preside over said meeting.

GEO. S. BOWEN,	MARSHALL FIELD,	A. H. WINSLOW,
PHILIP WADSWORTH,	L. Z. LEITER,	O. S. HOUGH,
HENRY M. SHEPPARD,	W. E. DOGGETT,	HORACE WHITE,
GILBERT R. SMITH,	F. A. EASTMAN,	WM. BROSS,
WIRT DEXTER,	C. M. HENDERSON,	ENOS BROWN,
N. K. FAIRBANK,	C. C. P. HOLDEN,	J. V. FARWELL,
C. G. HAMMOND,	REV. W. H. RYDER,	JOHN K. HARMON,
E. C. LARNED,	T. D. LOWTHER,	C. H. McCORMICK,
N. S. BOUTON,	ISAAC N. ARNOLD,	ANDREW SHUMAN,
CHARLES L. WILSON,	REV. W. A. BARTLETT,	THOS. HOYNE.

THE FIRST PUBLIC MEETING.

In accordance with this request a meeting was called and held in Plymouth Congregational Church, on the evening of Monday, January 8, 1872, when the following named gentlemen were appointed a committee to prepare such legislation as might be needful for the purpose of establishing a Free Public Library in Chicago, and to report such a bill at the earliest moment to a public meeting, to be called by them for that purpose:

THOMAS HOYNE, Chairman,	JUDGE HENRY BOOTH,	W. E. DOGGETT,
E. C. LARNED,	S. S. HAYES,	JAMES WARRACK,
D. L. SHOREY,	J. M. WALKER,	W. B. OGDEN,
HENRY GREENEBAUM,	GEO. S. BOWEN,	LEVI Z. LEITER,
GEO. SCHNEIDER,	EDWIN LEE BROWN,	WM. BROSS,
JOHN V. FARWELL,	C. H. McCORMICK,	JULIUS ROSENTHAL,
J. Y. SCAMMON,	CARTER H. HARRISON.	

THE COMMITTEES.

On Saturday, January 13, 1872, the committee before mentioned held a meeting for the purpose of drafting the required legislative bill, and produced as the result of their labors three bills differing but slightly from each other, all of which

were referred to a sub-committee composed of Messrs. Thomas Hoyne, E. C. Larned, J. M. Walker, D. L. Shorey, S. S. Hayes, and Judge Henry Booth.

The sub-committee met on the afternoon of January 18, 1872, and reported a bill modeled in its main provisions after the Boston Public Library law. This bill was adopted by the special committee and reported at the

SECOND PUBLIC MEETING,

called by them and held in the City Hall, on Saturday evening, January 20, of which Hon. Thomas Hoyne was Chairman, and D. L. Shorey, Secretary.

The bill having been submitted to the meeting, met with a unanimous approval and the expressed wish that the Legislature would immediately pass the same, which was subsequently done. The following is

THE FREE LIBRARY BILL

as finally approved, March 7, 1872, by the Legislature:

An Act to Authorize Cities, incorporated Towns and Townships to establish and maintain Free Public Libraries and Reading Rooms.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois, represented in the General Assembly*, That the City Council of each incorporated city shall have power to establish and maintain a Public Library and Reading-Room for the use and benefit of the inhabitants of such city, and may levy a tax of not to exceed one mill on the dollar annually, and, in cities of over 100,000 inhabitants, not to exceed one-fifth of one mill annually, on all the taxable property in the city—such tax to be levied and collected in like manner with other general taxes of said city, and to be known as the "Library Fund."

SEC 2. When any City Council shall have decided to establish and maintain a Public Library and Reading-Room under this act, the Mayor of such city shall, with the approval of the City Council, proceed to appoint a Board of nine Directors, for the same, chosen from the citizens at large with reference to their fitness for such office; and not more than one member of the City Council shall be at any one time a member of said Board.

SEC. 3. Said Directors shall hold office, one-third for one year, one-third for two years, and one-third for three years, from the first of July following their appointment; and at their first regular meeting, shall cast lots for the respective terms; and, annually thereafter, the Mayor shall, before the first of July of each year, appoint, as before, three Directors to take the place of the retiring Directors, who shall hold office for three years, and until their successors are appointed. The Mayor may, by and with the consent of the City Council, remove any Director for misconduct, or neglect of duty.

SEC. 4. Vacancies in the Board of Directors, occasioned by removals, resignation, or otherwise, shall be reported to the City Council, and be filed in like manner as original appointments; and no Director shall receive compensation as such.

SEC. 5. Said Directors shall, immediately after appointment, meet and organize by the election of one of their number as President, and by the election of such other officers as they may deem necessary. They shall make and adopt such by-laws, rules and regulations, for their own guidance, and for the government of the Library and Reading-Room, as may be expedient, not inconsistent with this act. They shall have the exclusive control of the expenditure of all moneys collected to the credit of the Library Fund; and of the construction of any Library building; and of the supervision, care, and custody of the grounds, rooms, or buildings constructed, leased, or set apart for that purpose.

Provided, That all moneys received for such Library shall be deposited in the Treasury of said city, to the credit of the Library Fund, and shall be kept separate and apart from other moneys of such city, and drawn upon by the proper officers of said city, upon the properly authenticated vouchers of the Library Board. Said Board shall have power to purchase or lease grounds, to occupy, lease, or erect an appropriate building or buildings, for the use of said Library shall have power to appoint a suitable Librarian and necessary assistants, and fix their compensation, and shall also have power to remove such appointees; and shall, in general, carry out the spirit and intent of this act, in establishing and maintaining a Public Library and Reading-Room.

SEC. 6. Every Library and Reading-Room established under this act shall be forever free to the use of the inhabitants of the city where located, always subject to such reasonable rules and regulations as the Library Board may adopt, in order to render the use of said Library and Reading-Room of the greatest benefit to the greatest number; and said Board may exclude from the use of said Library and Reading-Room any and all persons who shall willfully violate such rules.

SEC. 7. The said Board of Directors shall make, on or before the second Monday in June, an annual report to the City Council, stating the condition of their trust on the first day of June of that year; the various sums of money received from the Library Fund, and from other sources, and how such moneys have been expended, and for what purposes; the number of books and periodicals on hand; the number added by purchase, gift, or otherwise, during the year; the number lost or missing; the number of visitors attending; the number of books loaned out, and the general character

and kind of such books, with other statistics, information and suggestions as they may deem of general interest. All such portions of said report as relate to the receipt and expenditure of money, as well as the number of books on hand, books lost or missing, and books purchased, shall be verified by affidavit.

SEC. 8. The City Council of said city shall have power to pass ordinances imposing suitable penalties for the punishment of persons committing injury upon such Library, or the grounds or other property thereof, and for injury to, or failure to return, any book belonging to such Library.

SEC. 9. Any person desiring to make donation of money, personal property, or real estate for the benefit of such Library, shall have the right to vest the title to the money or real estate so donated in the Board of Directors created under this act, to be held and controlled by such Board, when accepted, according to the terms of the deed, gift, devise, or bequest of such property, and, as to such property, the said Board shall be held and considered to be Special Trustees.

SECTIONS 10 and 11 do not relate to city libraries

SEC. 12. Whereas, all the libraries of Chicago were destroyed by the recent fire in that city, and large donations of books have been made to found a Free Library; and, whereas, no suitable building or organization exists to receive or preserve them; therefore, an emergency exists that this law shall take effect immediately; therefore, this act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

THE CITY ORDINANCE.

In conformity with the requirements of the bill, on Monday, March 18, 1872, Mayor Medill sent an ordinance to the Common Council establishing The Chicago Public Library, which was referred to the Judiciary Committee of the Council. This committee reported favorably upon the ordinance at a meeting of the Council held on the evening of April 1, 1872, when it was unanimously passed and the Library thereby established under Act of Legislature here given. The ordinance was signed by the Mayor, April 3, 1872.

FIRST BOARD OF DIRECTORS.

On April 8, 1872, the Mayor presented to the Common Council the names of the following gentlemen to constitute the first Board of Directors, the nominations being confirmed by the Council:

Thomas Hoyne, S. S. Hayes, R. F. Queal, J. W. Sheahan, D. L. Shorey, Herman Raster, Willard Woodard, Elliot Anthony, Julius Rosenthal.

In this Board each division of the city, each occupation, and each leading religious denomination is fairly represented.

On the afternoon of Thursday, April 11, 1872, the Directors met and took the required oath of office, and arranged for their respective terms of office, as follows:

One Year—Messrs. Hoyne, Queal, Shorey.

Two Years—Messrs. Woodard, Anthony, Rosenthal.

Three Years—Messrs. Raster, Sheahan, Hayes.

Thomas Hoyne was elected President of the Board, and it was arranged that the Board should hold semi-monthly meetings, which has been done regularly up to the present time.

STANDING COMMITTEES, 1872–3

Buildings and Grounds.—Messrs. Queal, Hayes, Shorey.

Library and Reading Room.—Anthony, Raster, Sheahan.

Finance.—Hayes, Raster, Queal.

Administration.—Rosenthal, Woodard, Sheahan.

By-laws and Regulations.—Shorey, Anthony, Woodard.

LOCATION OF THE LIBRARY.

The Library now being fully organized, and intelligence received by the Directors that large donations of books were being made in London, and elsewhere, it became necessary to provide some suitable room where the books could be safely shelved and made available to the public. To meet this requirement the Common Council authorized the Board of Public Works to construct a large room in the second story of the temporary City Hall, on the south-east corner of LaSalle and Adams streets, to be used as a reading-room. This room is adjoining and connected with the fire-proof brick structure heretofore known as "The Tank," which has been fitted up and furnished as a library-room, and where the books are to be kept until rooms are constructed for their accommodation in a suitable Library building. "The Tank" has a capacity of 18,000 volumes.

THE OPENING.

The formal opening of the reading-room of the Library took place with appropriate exercises at 11 o'clock on January 1, 1873, a large number of Chicago's most prominent citizens being present, upon which occasion interesting addresses were made by Mayor Medill, Hon. Thomas Hoyne and others.

THE LIBRARY'S NEW BUILDING.

When the smoke had cleared away after the memorable fire of October 9, 1871, and it was discovered that a new Post Office and Custom House must be built, Congress decided that the new building should be of larger dimensions and grander proportions than the old one; and as the old building covered most of the lot on which it stood, to accommodate a larger edifice a new site must be selected. As soon as it was known that the old site of the Post Office would not be re-occupied by the Post Office Department, the friends of the library movement, and especially the committee appointed to draft a bill for the Legislature, in reference to the establishment of public libraries, through its chairman, Hon. Thos. Hoyne, commenced a correspondence with the Secretary of the Treasury at Washington, proposing to buy, lease or exchange the old Post Office building and site for library purposes. This correspondence did not at first meet with much favor at the Capitol, and before Messrs. Farwell and Logan could get a bill prominently before Congress that session terminated, and the project was allowed to rest, so far as appearances were concerned. But the Board of Directors of the new Library, headed by his Honor, Mayor Medill, and seconded by the friends of the movement in the Common Council and Board of Education, quietly worked on and prepared maps and charts, procured signatures and evidence, and at the opening of the third session of the Forty-Second Congress had their bill ready, which, as all are aware, resulted in the exchange of what is known as the "Bridewell lot," corner of Fifth Avenue and Polk street, for the Post Office site, including the remains of the Post Office building, north-west corner Dearborn and Monroe streets. This building and lot, when the exchange is completed, will belong to the School Fund of the city, as the land exchanged for it belonged to that Fund.

The bill relating to the transfer, approved March 3, 1873, is as follows:

An Act to Authorize the Secretary of the Treasury to dispose of the old Post Office property in Chicago.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Secretary of the Treasury be, and is hereby, authorized to exchange with the city of Chicago the piece of land, with the remains of the old Custom House and Post Office building thereon, at the corner of Monroe and Dearborn streets, in the City of Chicago, Illinois, said land fronting one hundred and ninety feet on Dearborn street, and ninety feet on Monroe street, or thereabout, for the piece of land, the property of the School Fund of the City of Chicago, at the corner of Polk street and Fifth Avenue, fronting three hundred and eighty feet on Polk street, and one hundred and ninety-eight and one-half feet on Fifth Avenue, or thereabouts; the difference in value between such pieces of land to be ascertained by a commission to consist of five persons, two of whom shall be appointed by said Secretary of the Treasury, two by the municipal authorities of the city of Chicago, and the four commissioners so selected shall choose a fifth, and that upon the receipt of the report of such commission, or of a majority thereof, and its approval by the Secretary of the Treasury, the Government of the United States, or the City of Chicago, as the case may be, shall pay to the other in money the difference so ascertained in the value of said land; and any money which the United States may be required to pay is subject to future appropriation by Congress.

Provided, That the State of Illinois shall cede to the United States its jurisdiction over the property thus acquired by the United States, together with the right to tax or in any way assess said land, or the property of the United States that may be thereon, during the time that the United States shall be or remain the owner thereof.

Before the exchange could be completed the two stipulations in the Bill must be carried out, viz: ceding jurisdiction to the United States over the land acquired by the exchange, and appointing commissioners to appraise the respective lots for the purpose of ascertaining the amount of difference, if any, in the valuation of the same. The former has been accomplished by an act of the General Assembly, as follows, entitled:

A Bill for an Act to Authorize the United States to acquire certain property, etc.

SECTION I. *Be it enacted, etc.*, That the United States of America, may, pursuant to an act of Congress, entitled, "An Act to Authorize the Secretary of the Treasury to dispose of the old Post Office property in Chicago," approved March 3d, 1873, acquire the following described property, situated in the city of Chicago, in the county of Cook, and State of Illinois, at the corner of Polk street and Fifth avenue, fronting 380 feet on Polk street and 198¼ feet on Fifth avenue, being the property of the School Fund of the city of Chicago. And when the United States shall so acquire the same, the State of Illinois hereby cedes to the United States of America jurisdiction over the property thus acquired by the United States, together with the right to tax or in anywise assess said land or the property of the United States that may be thereon, during the time the United States shall be or so remain the owner thereof.

SEC. II. WHEREAS, owing to the burning of the public buildings in Chicago, and the need of public buildings, an emergency exists requiring this act to take effect immediately, from and after its passage; therefore, this act shall take effect from and after its passage.

The Bill was approved April 4, 1873.

A certified copy of this bill was immediately sent to the Secretary of the Treasury, who, upon its receipt, appointed as commissioners Hon. Norman B. Judd and Judge Thos. Drummond to act for the United States, and, on April 28, 1873, the Mayor appointed, and the Common Council confirmed, Hon. Thos. Hoyne and Hon. E. L. Sheldon, as commissioners, to act for the city of Chicago in appraising said lots.

Although the different acts necessary to effect the exchange do not mention the use to which the city will put the newly acquired property, yet it is the general understanding that it is to be fitted up in the most approved style for the use of the Chicago Public Library.

The Board of Directors of the Library are already discussing plans informally, and the work of refitting will be commenced as soon as a satisfactory plan is adopted.

The walls of the old building are said to be entirely safe, and the fire marks on the west wall will undoubtedly remain as a most interesting memento of the scourge of '71.

LIBRARY STATISTICS.

No. of Books in the Library April 19th, 1873,	5,535
" " Pamphlets " " " "	2,361
Total	7,896

Of this number, 2,550 volumes, are of the English Gift; most of the others (except the Tauchnitz edition, 743 volumes,) being donations from our own citizens.

REPORT FOR FIRST QUARTER OF 1873.

No. of Periodicals received regularly	233
No. of Dailies " "	75
No. of Visitors to Reading Room	31,663
No. of Issues of Periodicals	21,340
No. of Daily visitors—average	351
No. of Daily issues	237
No. of Sunday visitors	414
No. of " issues	281

Of the total number there were issued of

Scientific papers	9 per cent.
Papers relating to Art	2 " "
Illustrated and Humorous	48 " "
Magazines and Reviews	41 " "
American publications	58 " "
English "	23 " "
German and other Continental	19 " "

The daily papers in the Reading Room are on desks, and are used by the visitor *without* permission from the attendant in the room. The Periodicals (by which is included, Magazines, Reviews, Weeklies, &c.) are only to be obtained at the desk by a written request, a blank form for which is furnished by the attendant.

The number of visitors is ascertained by frequent countings, and by adding a per cent. to the number of issues of Periodicals. This per cent. varies somewhat with the condition of the weather.

The number of visitors is, of course, only approximate, while the number of issues is exactly ascertained from the slips taken each day.

Catalogue of the Books

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The following pages contain a topically arranged list of a considerable number of the books in the Public Library, together with a complete list of the periodicals and papers in the Reading Room. The June number of the Librarian will contain the names of the more recent additions to the Library.

BIOGRAPHICAL.

Milton, John. In connection with Political, Ecclesiastical and Literary History of his Times. 1608–1648, inc. David Masson. 2 vols.

The Prison Chaplain; Memoir of Rev. John Clay. Rev. Walter L. Clay.

Alfred the Great. Thomas Hughes.

St. Anslem. R. W. Church.

The Hermits. Rev. Charles Kingsley.

Francis of Assisi. Mrs. Oliphant.

Clare, John, Life of. Fred. Martin.

Charles Wayne Young, Tragedian, Memoir of. Julian C. Young.

Anthony Ashley Cooper, Life of. W. D. Christie. 2 vols.

Sir T. Fowell Buxton, Bart. Thomas Binney.

Cavour, Memoir of. Edward Dicey.

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Oliver Goldsmith. David Masson.

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Lord Halifax, Life of. Clements R. Markham.

Handibook of Cotemporary Biography. Frederic Martin.

Scottish Reformers, Lives of. Thomas McCrie, D. D.

Abraham Lincoln, Assassination of. Expressions of the Press on the Event.

Hull, Gen. William, Revolutionary Services and Civil Life of. Mrs. Maria Campbell.

Twelve Yeurs a Slave. Solomon Northup.

Captain Canot, or Twenty Years of an American Slaver. Brantz Mayer.

Quincy, Josiah, Life of. Edward Quincy.

Ballou, Rev. Hosea, Biography of. Vol. I. Maturin M. Ballou.

Successful Merchant [The]. Sketches of the Life of Mr. Samuel Budgett, Late of Kingswood Hill. William Arthur.

Cromwell, Oliver, The Life of. Rev. M. Russell. 2 vols.

Church of England Biographies: Bishop Hooker, Archbishop Ussher, Abp. Leighton, Viscount Falkland, Bp. Jeremy Taylor, Bp. Ken, George Herbert, Margaret Godolphin, John Newton.

Lives of Dr. John Donne, Sir Henry Walton, Richard Hooker, George Herbert and Dr. Robt. Sanderson. With Portraits. Izaak Walton.

Church of England Biographies: Bishop Thomas Wilson, Hannah Moore, Joshua Watson, Rev. Leigh Richmond, Bp. Heber, Bp. Bloomfield, Rev. Dr. Scoresby, Abp. Longley, Bp. Mackenzie.

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Sketches from the History of Our Lord.

Rev. John Gambold, Life and Labors of. Daniel Benham.

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" Herald.
" Staats Zeitung.
" Times.
New York—Tribune.
" World.
Omaha—Republican.
" Herald.
Philadelphia—Press.
" Democrat.
" Age.
Pittsburgh—Commercial.
" Post.
Portland (Oregon)—Oregonian.
Providence—Journal.
Richmond—Enquirer.
Sacramento—Union.
San Francisco—Alta California
" Morning Call.
Springfield (Mass.)—Republican.
Springfield (Ill.)—State Journal.
St. Louis—Democrat
" Republican.
" Anzieger des Westens
" Westliche Post.
St. Paul Pioneer.
" Press.
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Toronto—Globe
Washington—Congressional Globe.
" Chronicle.
" Star.

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Christian Register.
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Investigator.
Northwestern Christian Advocate.
Prairie Farmer.
Standard, The
Western Rural—*gift*.
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By-Laws.

The following By-Laws have been adopted by the Board of Directors of The Chicago Public Library.

Art. I. Regular meetings of the Board shall be held on the 1st and 3d Saturdays of each month, at 3 o'clock p m., from the 1st of April until the 1st of October, and from the 1st of October to the 1st of April, at 2 p m.

Art. II. Special meetings may be called by the Secretary upon the written request of the President, or any two members of the Board

Art. III. Five Directors shall constitute a quorum of the Board; but no appropriation shall be made or indebtedness incurred to an amount exceeding $100, without the concurring votes of a majority of all the members of the Board.

Art IV. Any question before the Board may be taken by ayes and noes at the request of any two members of the Board.

Art V. It shall be the duty of the President to preside at all meetings of the Board; to sign all vouchers approved by the Board, upon which, drafts shall be drawn upon the City Treasury on account of the Library Fund; to appoint the Standing Committees for the year; to prepare for the consideration of the Board, the annual report of the Board of Directors required by the seventh section of the "Free Public Library" Act.

Art. VI. There shall be five (5) Standing Committees of the Board: a Committee on Buildings and Grounds; on the Library and Reading Rooms; on Finances; on Administration; on By-Laws and Regulations—each Committee consisting of three Directors.

Art VII The order of business at regular Meetings of the Board shall be as follows: (1) Reading the records of the previous meeting (2) Communications. (3) Unfinished business. (4) Reports from Standing Committees. (5) Reports from Special Committees. (6) Reports of Officers. (7) New business.

Art VIII. A list of all the subjects referred to Committees of the Board, with dates of reference, shall be kept by the Secretary.

Art. IX. The notice of any Special Meeting shall state the business of the Meeting, and no business shall be transacted at such meeting not stated in the notice.

Art. X. No amendment to the By-Laws shall be acted upon until the next regular meeting after the same shall have been proposed

Art. XI. The Reading Rooms for periodicals shall be under the charge of the Secretary until a Librarian is appointed; and shall be open from 9 o'clock a m. until 9 o'clock p, m., every day. They may be used by any person of good deportment and habits.

Art. XII All conversation and conduct inconsistent with the quiet and orderly use of the Reading Rooms are strictly prohibited.

Art. XIII. Whenever a periodical is called for and taken from the desk, its name or title, together with the name and residence of the borrower, must be written on a slip of paper, to be furnished for the purpose, and left with the attendant

Art. XIV. Any person abusing the privileges of the Library or Reading-Rooms, by unbecoming conduct, or by the violation of any of the Regulations, by intentional defacement of a book, pamphlet, periodical, or paper, by writing in or on it, or in any other way, shall be reported to the Directors as soon as may be, and by them excluded from the Reading Room or Library for a time, or permanently, according to the nature and degree of the delinquency or default; but in case of any gross offense, the Librarian, acting Librarian, or his assistant or assistants, or representative, shall act summarily in the matter, and cause the offender to be at once excluded from the building, reporting the case to the Directors as soon as possible for their final decision.

Art. XV. The term of service of all employes in the Library and Reading Rooms shall expire on the second Monday of July succeeding their appointment; and they shall be subject to removal at any time at the pleasure of the Board of Directors, for sufficient cause.

Art XVI. The Committee on Buildings and Grounds shall have supervision in the following matters: In matters relating to the construction, alteration, repair, furnishing, heating and lighting the rooms, or building, used or to be used for the purposes of the Library, and in relation to insurance, and as to matters under their supervision, shall report to the Board of Directors at the last meeting in May.

Art. XVII. The Committee on Administration shall have supervision in the following matters: In matters relating to the arrangements for the circulation and use of books and periodicals, for the preparation of the statistics of circulation, and for the needful examination of the Library, and as to matters under their supervision shall report to the Board of Directors at the last meeting in May.

ART. XVIII. The Committee on the Library shall have supervision in the following matters: In matters relating to the selection, purchase, exchange and binding of books and periodicals; the disposition of duplicates; the preparation, printing and disposition of Catalogues; the arrangement of the books on the shelves of the Library; in affixing to the book itself the proper stamp, plate and label; *provided*, that no book shall be purchased without the approval of the Board of Directors, and as to matters under their supervision shall report to the Board of Directors at the last meeting in May.

ART. XIX. The Committee on Finance shall have supervision in the following matters: In matters relating to the accounts; to the revenues arising from the Library Fund and from other sources, and to the salaries on the annual pay-roll, and as to matters under their supervision shall report to the Board of Directors at the last meeting in May.

ART. XX. Every application for the place of assistant in the Library or Reading Rooms, together with the recommendations, if any, relating to such application, shall be kept on file by the Secretary, in separate envelopes, upon which the Secretary shall endorse the name of the applicant, the date of the application, and the names, if any, of persons recommending the applicant. It shall be the duty of the Chairmen of the respective Standing Committees, from time to time, to examine such applications, and to nominate assistants therefrom, but any member of the Board of Directors may in like manner make such nominations.

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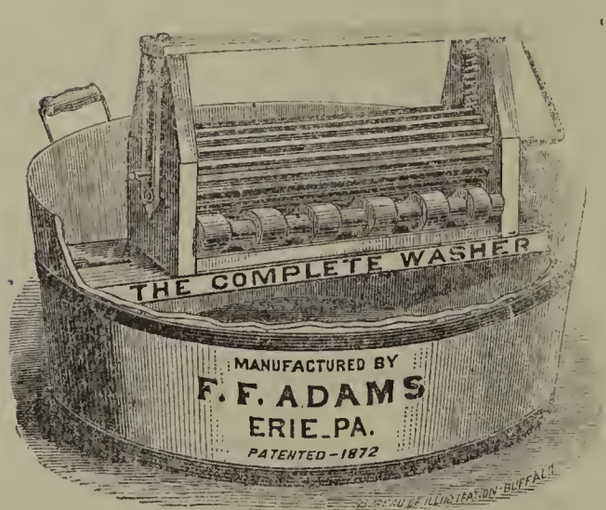

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FIRST ANNUAL REPORT OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS.

The following is a synopsis of the First Annual Report of the Board of Directors of the Chicago Public Library for the year ending June 1, 1873, submitted to the Common Council on the evening of June 9, 1873: The reading-room was opened to the public on January 1, 1873. Since the opening the total number of visitors had been 50,038; daily average, 331; weekly average, 2,319; monthly average, 10,007; whole number of periodicals issued to the people, 33,986; daily, 285; weekly, 1,575; monthly, 6,797. The report dwelt upon the advantages of the library as a public educator. The library had not been opened to the public, but would be as soon as possible. The whole number of books on the shelves of the library at present was 6,412 volumes, of which 4,000 had been collected since the opening of the library; 5,436 were free gifts; only 976 were purchased; 225 were presented by Chicago citizens. There are also 3,138 pamphlets and 3,191 periodicals. From England the Board had received 3,530 volumes, with 1,200 more promised by Mr. Thomas Hughes and his friends, besides 2,800 volumes of Patent Office reports which the Board had ordered to be bound. With the donations from England and Germany, the number would be 10,752 volumes. The report spoke highly of the donation from the University of Oxford, which, in point of style and binding, could scarcely be replaced if lost. The Board recommended that an appropriation of $10,000 be made to purchase a proper amount of light literature, American prose works, and the like. The report dwells at considerable length upon the necessity for a building of greater capacity for a public library than the present tank, and pointed out the unanimity with which the people of Chicago and the Federal Government had accepted the proposition to take the old Postoffice for the Library. The Board had drawn from the Library Fund for all expenses up to June 1, including cost of the purchase of books, $7,204.44; and had expended the whole amount. The future success of the Library depended in a great measure upon the levy and collection of the tax provided by law not to exceed the one-fifth of one mill upon the taxable property of the city. Upon a valuation of 284,197,430, this should have yielded $56,839. The amount actually collected on the first year and credited to the Library Fund, by the Comptroller, was $18,752.95; deducting expense, there should reman to the credit of the Board the sum of $11,548.51. The City Comptroller had deducted about $14,584.51 for construction of the present temporary structure. The Board were inclined to think this unreasonable. The Board had not any title to the property, and as they would eventually relinquish it for a more convenient structure, it could be used for other city purposes. The Library, therefore, could only be regarded in the light of a tenant of the property.

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Baily, F. H	4	
Baker, Frank, 58 Nos. Single Papers, Bound Newspapers	9	
Baptist Historical Society, Philadelphia		1
Barbe, Emmanuel	2	
Barnuin, W. H	11	
Barnet, J	1	1
Bates, W. W., 3 Newspapers		1
Bednawsky, Alexander	1	
Beijers, J. L., Utrecht		3
Bicknell, A. J., New York		1
Blande, Miss Edith, Omaha, Neb	1	
Blanchard, Rev. Prof. W. S	1	
Blanchard, Rufus, 1 Map		
Board of Health		11
Board of Education	4	1
Board of Education, Detroit		1
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roomell, George D	13	
Brewer & Tileston, Messrs., Boston, Mass	1	
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Calhoun, John B, Iowa	2	
Carpenter & Sheldon, Messrs		3
Carr, Mrs. Dr., 32 Nos. Illustrated Papers, 14 Periodicals	47	41
Chadwick, J. E	3	
Chandler, Frank R., 2 Plates, 9 Newspapers, 6 Periodicals	2	81
Chicago Law Institute	127	28
" Library Association	12	
" Medical College	560	
" Post Office, 5 Foreign Papers		
" Reform School		16
" Relief and Aid Society		10
" Tribune Company, 11 Newspapers	1	
" West Side Library		2
Chronik, Dr	6	
Cincinnati Public Library	1	10
Clark, J. F	5	
Clarke, William H	1	
Clarke, R. & Co., Cincinnati		1
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By-Laws.

THE following By-Laws have been adopted by the Board of Directors of The Chicago Public Library.

ART. I. Regular meetings of the Board shall be held on the 1st and 3d Saturdays of each month, at 3 o'clock p. m., from the 1st of April until the 1st of October, and from the 1st of October to the 1st of April, at 2 p. m.

ART. II. Special meetings may be called by the Secretary upon the written request of the President, or any two members of the Board.

ART. III. Five Directors shall constitute a quorum of the Board; but no appropriation shall be made or indebtedness incurred to an amount exceeding $100, without the concurring votes of a majority of all the members of the Board.

ART. IV. Any question before the Board may be taken by ayes and noes at the request of any two members of the Board.

ART. V. It shall be the duty of the President to preside at all meetings of the Board; to sign all vouchers approved by the Board, upon which, drafts shall be drawn upon the City Treasury on account of the Library Fund; to appoint the Standing Committees for the year; to prepare for the consideration of the Board, the annual report of the Board of Directors required by the seventh section of the "Free Public Library" Act.

ART. VI. There shall be five (5) Standing Committees of the Board: a Committee on Buildings and Grounds; on the Library and Reading Rooms; on Finances; on Administration; on By-Laws and Regulations—each Committee consisting of three Directors.

ART. VII. The order of business at regular Meetings of the Board shall be as follows: (1) Reading the records of the previous meeting. (2) Communications. (3) Unfinished business. (4) Reports from Standing Committees. (5) Reports from Special Committees. (6) Reports of Officers. (7) New business.

ART. VIII. A list of all the subjects referred to Committees of the Board, with dates of reference, shall be kept by the Secretary.

ART. IX. The notice of any Special Meeting shall state the business of the Meeting, and no business shall be transacted at such meeting not stated in the notice.

ART. X. No amendment to the By-Laws shall be acted upon until the next regular meeting after the same shall have been proposed.

ART. XI. The Reading Rooms for periodicals shall be under the charge of the Secretary until a Librarian is appointed; and shall be open from 9 o'clock a. m. until 9 o'clock p, m., every day. They may be used by any person of good deportment and habits.

ART. XII. All conversation and conduct inconsistent with the quiet and orderly use of the Reading Rooms are strictly prohibited.

ART. XIII. Whenever a periodical is called for and taken from the desk, its name or title, together with the name and residence of the borrower, must be written on a slip of paper, to be furnished for the purpose, and left with the attendant.

ART. XIV. Any person abusing the privileges of the Library or Reading-Rooms, by unbecoming conduct, or by the violation of any of the Regulations, by intentional defacement of a book, pamphlet, periodical, or paper, by writing in or on it, or in any other way, shall be reported to the Directors as soon as may be, and by them excluded from the Reading Room or Library for a time, or permanently, according to the nature and degree of the delinquency or default; but in case of any gross offense, the Librarian, acting Librarian, or his assistant or assistants, or representative, shall act summarily in the matter, and cause the offender to be at once excluded from the building, reporting the case to the Directors as soon as possible for their final decision.

ART. XV. The term of service of all employes in the Library and Reading Rooms shall expire on the second Monday of July succeeding their appointment; and they shall be subject to removal at any time at the pleasure of the Board of Directors, for sufficient cause.

ART. XVI. The Committee on Buildings and Grounds shall have supervision in the following matters: In matters relating to the construction, alteration, repair, furnishing, heating and lighting the rooms, or building, used or to be used for the purposes of the Library, and in relation to insurance, and as to matters under their supervision, shall report to the Board of Directors at the last meeting in May.

ART. XVII. The Committee on Administration shall have supervision in the following matters: In matters relating to the arrangements for the circulation and use of books and periodicals, for the preparation of the statistics of circulation, and for the needful examination of the Library, and as to matters under their supervision shall report to the Board of Directors at the last meeting in May.

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ART. XVIII. The Committee on the Library shall have supervision in the following matters: In matters relating to the selection, purchase, exchange and binding of books and periodicals; the disposition of duplicates; the preparation, printing and disposition of Catalogues; the arrangement of the books on the shelves of the Library; in affixing to the book itself the proper stamp, plate and label; *provided*, that no book shall be purchased without the approval of the Board of Directors, and as to matters under their supervision shall report to the Board of Directors at the last meeting in May.

ART. XIX. The Committee on Finance shall have supervision in the following matters: In matters relating to the accounts; to the revenues arising from the Library Fund and from other sources, and to the salaries on the annual pay-roll, and as to matters under their supervision shall report to the Board of Directors at the last meeting in May.

ART. XX. Every application for the place of assistant in the Library or Reading Rooms, together with the recommendations, if any, relating to such application, shall be kept on file by the Secretary, in separate envelopes, upon which the Secretary shall endorse the name of the applicant, the date of the application, and the names, if any, of persons recommending the applicant. It shall be the duty of the Chairmen of the respective Standing Committees, from time to time, to examine such applications, and to nominate assistants therefrom, but any member of the Board of Directors may in like manner make such nominations.

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FREE THEOLOGICAL LIBRARY.

The most extensive and valuable library to be mentioned, next after the Chicago Public Library, is the famous collection of Theological Works known as the Hengstenberg Library, purchased at an expense of some $8,000 for the purpose of establishing a Free Theological Library in Chicago, and at present located in the University of Chicago, but which, it is thought, will be transferred to the shelves of the Chicago Public Library when the new library building is occupied. This valuable collection is intended to be the nucleus of a general Theological Library, to be controlled without any sectarian predjudices against, or special advantages to any religious body, persons or denominations. The history and general character of this library may be best learned from the following statement prepared by the Secretary of the Library Association, Mr. W. W. Everts, Jr.:

"In the summer of 1869, the leader of the ultra wing of German Protestant Theology, of the so-called Orthodox party, was buried. E. W. Hengstenberg belonged to a sterling old family of preachers in Westphalia, that had handed down a parish church from father to son for more than two centuries. While at the University of Bonn, he manifested a decided inclination for Oriental studies, though he rarely attended a theological course. But his teaching and acquaintance in godly Basle led him to the field, death alone would make him quit. Called to Berlin, but a young man, within two years he attained the highest rank of professors, and from 1827 appeared as the leading conservative in a faculty of which Schleiermacher, Marheinecke and Neander were members. Thousands awaited his judgment of religious questions, as expressed from week to week in his Evangelical Gazette. Both as a professor, editor and author, he was a prolific book collector. In his magnificent mansion on the Thiergarten, an ell was built especially for library and study. Since his convenience demanded and his means allowed it, he neglected the abundant shelves of the Royal Library, numbering 800,000 volumes, and purchased every book he needed to consult. The librarian of the theological division of the royal collection states that the great scholar had not drawn a single work from it, at least during the sixteen years of his service. Long before his death, Hengstenberg's rooms were as noted among the students of the Old Testament, as Hoffmann's now are among investigators of the New. Owing to the unusually high value he reposed upon the traditions of early Jewish Rabbis, and the conjectures of the Church Fathers, he accumulated every ancient fragment of or upon Hebrew literature. The two thousand volumes

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concerning this topic are, no doubt, the completest section of the library, as the remaining ten thousand belong to various other chief and auxiliary branches of theology. Upon his decease, there was much talk among the faculty and antiquarians about the library. Dr. Dorner moved its purchase for the University Library, and was sustained by the unanimous vote of his colleagues, and was even promised part of the necessary funds by the Consistory of the Province, but the Minister of Instruction refused any outlay of funds for such a purpose at such a time. Then there was a stir among the few antiquarians who might afford so large a purchase, giving assurance of the value of the collection. Through the liberality of a number of parties in this city, its purchase was concluded in the fall of 1869, and in December of the same year it was finally packed in forty-one huge boxes and shipped to its adopted home in Chicago.

"It is now time that the educated people of Chicago and the West acquainted themselves with this valuable and curious treasure which has been placed within their reach and use. At a recent counting there was found 10,000 bound volumes, with several thousand paper-covered books and pamphlets. The largest divisions number 2,400 for Church Doctrine and Practice; 1,700 for the Hebrew Literature of the Old Testament and 1,400 for Church History. Less numerous, though scarcely less valuable, are the 800 Classics, the 400 Histories, the 750 Commentaries on the New Testament, the 500 Oriental curiosities, and 320 rare and ponderous tomes of the Church Fathers. The cases pertaining to Belles Lettres, Philosophy, Geography and Travel, the remaining parts, include some 1,500 volumes.

"As to the languages employed, it depends much upon the age of the different books, and the subject matter. Writings of the 16th and 17th centuries, are, predominently, Latin, as are the Church Fathers, if necessarily translated. The bulk of the collection, however, is, as should naturally be supposed, German, and we may be thankful that the great scholar took the pains of collecting even a quarter of a thousand works in English. It is a proud beginning to mention Walton's Polyglot, or the Bible in Hebrew and Greek, with the Ethiopian, Samaritan, Syrian, Persian, Chaldaic and Latin, contained in six hog-skin covered folios, as the costliest treasure in the collection. Next to this, in variety, would rank the works of Jerome, Augustine, Gregory the Great, and other Church Fathers, of the standard old Benedictine edition, Stephanus' Greek and Gesner's Latin Thesarus, Ersch & Grubers' Scientific Encyclopædia, Bayle's Critical and Historical Dictionary, and Joecher's Lexicon of Learned Men, are prominent among general works. Forty volumes of Description of Egypt, written by the French Imperial Expedition, show a small part of the material upon old Mizraim. The Byzantine Histories are there in full.

"There is a Greek and Latin folio manuscript of 782 pages, which, according to the writer, required from the 11th of March, '96, to the 16th of June, '97, for its completion. The volume is referred to by Rosenmuller, in his History of Interpretation, and seems to contain Procopius' Commentary on the Pentateuch and Canticles. Another valuable manuscript dates from 1590, and contains the life of Savonarola in Italian, written by a monk of his order. An illuminated copy of the Koran, numeroous works of the Reformers and times of the Reformation, such as Buganhagan's Report of the City of Brunswick, and an original copy of proceedings of the Diet of Augsburg, both of 1530. Œcolampadius' Commentary on Daniel, published in 1527, and the first edition of Melancthon's Loci Communes are a few of the best known

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ancient rarities. A precious modern relic is the author's copy of the several volumes of his Church History, presented by August Neander to 'his dear colleague, Dr. Hengstenberg,' and inscribed with his broad, plain signature.

"Dr. Koner, first custodian of the Royal University Library at Berlin, said, in in a report he was requested to make upon the Hengtenberg collection, that it might be reckoned as one of the most considerable private theological libraries in Europe, since he found it to embrace nearly every distinguished appearance in divinity. He hardly regarded the auxiliary branches of the classics, profane history and geography as secondary in value. Its regard to necessary side investigations, with theology for chief purpose, rendered it, in his esteem, especially adapted to form a solid basis for a public theological library. In referring to the general character of the books, he asserts that 'the mass of good and useful volumes is so much in over-weight, that the worthless almost vanish before the critical eye, but even this practically valueless material retains a literary historical value in a public library where reference must be made to completeness of literature.' Further he remarks the unusual helps to the study of the languages of Scripture: 'It offers, in a rich assortment of exegetical commentaries, means for the study of the text, and explanation of the contents of the books of the Bible, as proposed by the learned of all times; in a costly treasure of works on church history, dogmatics, symbolics, ethics and philosophy, all-sufficient instruction upon the principles and systems of doctors of the Church. In short, it satisfies all demands that are made now-a-days upon a thorough knowledge of theology.' There may be some, whose active interest should be awakened in this broad and novel undertaking, who won't care much for Dr. Koner's testimony. They'll say, 'What do we want of a German Library for Chicago seminaries?' The reply to all such is: 'Replace the learning stored in Hengstenberg Library without buying German, if you can.' We may be satisfied with English speculation, but we demand German investigation of this century. What if the 10,000 volumes, now assorted, are sealed to laymen, and even to the majority of the ministerial students of this city, the faculties of our five seminaries will popularize them speedily enough. Our professors will be able to make complete studies at their own doors, and even invite Boston and Philadelphia to their study rooms."

Chicago may well be proud of her scholars who have heartily welcomed, and to her cultivated citizens who have generously and unhesitatingly procured this large addition to her learned capital. THE LIBRARIAN will speak more in detail of this interesting and remarkable collection, at another time.

OTHER LIBRARIES,

To which THE LIBRARIAN will devote its pages, are, in brief, as follows:

The Young Men's Christian Association Library.—Every book reader in Chicago was familiar with the promising and valuable library, of over 8,000 volumes, owned by the Chicago Y. M. C. A., and lost in the great fire of October 9, 1871, in the Association's elegant building on Madison street. The Association have not given up the intention of collecting another and even more extensive library, and have already made a most creditable beginning in their present temporary rooms on the northwest corner of Randolph and Jefferson streets, where they now have some 3,000 new and valuable volumes, many of them having been contributed directly from the publishers. The books of this library are strictly of a miscellaneous and popular character and are free to all who wish to consult or draw them. The rooms

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are open from 9 a. m. to 10 p. m., Sundays included. Besides the books, the reading-room includes some sixty daily and weekly papers and magazines.

The Young Men's Christian Union Library.—This library was first established Oct. 19, 1871, at No. 812 Wabash avenue, and moved, May 1, 1872, to No. 758 Michigan avenue, where it remained until removed last month to the Union's new and elegant rooms at No. 114 Madison street. There are upon its shelves, at present, about 3,000 volumes, while a number more are expected at an early day. Besides the books on the shelves, the reading-room furnishes all the leading weekly and monthly publications of the day, together with the more prominent daily and weekly secular and religious newspapers of the country.

Chicago Theological Seminary Library.—This collection of books numbers at present about 5,000 volumes. The library was established in 1858. The shelves contain many most valuable works. The nature of the collection is generally theological, although numerous books of a secular character are to be found in it. Among the more important and valuable works are the Russian edition of The Sinaitic MSS. and Walton's Polyglot. The missionary department of the library, one of the most important departments in collections of this character, contains many works of much value. As yet the library is in its infancy and in a somewhat chaotic condition, as regards arrangements, government and so forth. But the Congregationalists, to whom the seminary and the library belong, intend as soon as possible to place the library on a good and permanent basis, that is, as soon as the necessary funds can be accumulated and spared for that purpose. Then it is the intention to erect a suitable building for library purposes exclusively, appoint necessary regular officers, arrange, class and catalogue the books, and render the institution one of the most valuable and perfect of its kind to be found in the country. Of course, this library is and will be private, that is for the general use only of the faculty and students of the Theological Seminary. Yet, like all other similar establishments, approved citizens will, by special permission, be allowed to make any necessary researches among the volumes. At the present time the library is in charge of students and has not yet been catalogued.

Chicago Law Institute.—This collection has always been regarded as one of the most important in the city, and one in which the members of the Chicago Bar have ever taken a special interest. The library destroyed by the fire of Oct. 9, 1871, (with the exception of 38 volumes,) was the result of some fifteen years energetic labor on the part of the Institute in their endeavor to establish a law library second to none in the country. In January, 1872, the present quarters in the City Hall, consisting of two large rooms, were secured, and the work of collecting commenced. Already some 4,000 books have been obtained, one-half of which were donated from different parts of this country and Europe. The library is under the efficient charge of Julius Rosenthal, Esq., Librarian, and by the co-operation of the many members of the Institute and a yearly assessment of $25 each, together with the contributions of friends, its shelves will soon be amply replenished with legal lore.

There are also the following libraries, each possessing special features of interest: Chicago Historical Society, the Academy of Science, Michigan Avenue Baptist Church, Presbyterian Theological Seminary of the Northwest, Chicago Theological Seminary, Baptist Theological Seminary, University of Chicago, St. Ignatius College, Union Catholic, and a number of smaller collections in several of the churches and institutions.

LIBRARIES.

HISTORY OF LIBRARIES, ANCIENT AND MODERN.

The earliest libraries known in the history of the world were styled "Libraries of Clay," a term applied to the inscribed bricks and tiles of the Assyrians and Babylonians. The first library, properly so called, of which we have any knowledge, was formed by the Egyptian king Osymandyas. The first extensive collection, and one that is a formidable rival to that of Alexandria, was that of Pergamus, and was founded probably by Attalus I. and largely increased by his successors. It was ultimately removed to Alexandria, being sent by Antony as a present to Cleopatra. At the time of this transfer, it contained, according to Plutarch, 200,000 volumes.

The earliest Roman libraries were those collected by Lucullus and by Asinius Pollio. The latter was a public Library in the fullest sense, and the former, though private property, was administered with so much liberality as to place it nearly on the same footing. Various other libraries were founded at Rome by Augustus and his successors; the most important, perhaps, being the Ulpian Library of the Emperor Trajan. The private collections of Emilius, Paulus, Sulla, Lucullus (already mentioned), and Cicero, are well known to every student of the classics.

The downfall, first of the Western and subsequently of the Eastern Empire, involved the destruction, or dispersion, of these ancient libraries, as the warlike hordes by whom these once mighty monarchies were overthrown had neither time nor inclination for the cultivation of letters. But even in the darkest of the dark ages, the lamp of learning continued to shine, if with a feeble, yet still with a steady light. Within the sheltering walls of the monasteries, the books which had escaped destruction, the salvage, if we may so express it, of the general wreck, found a safe asylum. And not only were they carefully preserved, but so multiplied by the industry of the transcriber, as to be placed beyond all risk of loss for the future. Amongst the conventual libraries of the middle ages specially worthy of notice of are those Christ Church; of the monastery of St. Augustine, Canterbury; of the Abbeys of Fleury and Clugni, France; of Monte Cassino, Italy; and of St. Gall, Switzerland. Private collectors, too, existed then as now, though, of course their number was small. Amongst these, that of Richard de Bury, Bishop of Durham, holds a distinguished place. The revival of learning in the 14th and 15th centuries, followed immediately by the invention of the art of printing, led naturally to a vast increase in the production of books, and introduced a new era in the history of public libraries. The number of these establishments which have since sprung into existence is immense, and is constantly increasing, so much so, that a bare list of them would far exceed the limits of our present space.

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First among the libraries of Great Britain, and second to few, is that of the British Museum. Next in rank is to be mentioned the Bodleian Library at Oxford. The third and fourth places are occupied by the Public or University Library of Cambridge, and the Library of the Faculty of Advocates, of Edinburgh, which are nearly on a par as regards extent and value. In 1863, the Advocates Library contained 180,000 volumes. The library of Trinity College, Dublin, with about 130,000 volumes is the largest and most valuable in Ireland. These five libraries have long been and still are, entitled by statute, to a copy of every book published in the kingdom. Besides these mentioned, six other libraries had been in the enjoyment of the same privilege up to the year 1836.

The minor libraries of Great Britain are numerous. Amongst those deserving special notice are the Library of the Society of Writers to the Signet, Edinburgh, containing upwards of 45,000 volumes; the Hunteriam Library, Glasgow, with about 13,000 volumes, including many choice specimens of early printing; the Chetham Library, Manchester, upwards of 18,000 volumes; the libraries belonging to the different colleges at Oxford and Cambridge; Dr. Williams' Library, Red Cross Street, London, with more than 20,000 volumes, freely open to the public; the Archiepiscopal Library at Lambeth, containing at least 25,000 volumes; and Marsh's Library, Dublin, the most liberally accessible collection in Ireland, with about 18,000 volumes. Of private libraries in England, it will be sufficient to mention that of Earl Spencer, at Althorp, containing upwards of 50,000 volumes, many being of extreme rarity and value, and all in admirable condition. The great national library of France, La Bibliothique du Roi, as it used to be called, La Bibliothique Imperiale, as it is called at present, is one of the largest and most valuable collections in the world. Attempts to form a library had been made by Louis XI and his successors with considerable success; but the appointment of De Thou to the office of Chief Librarian by Henry IV, may be regarded as the foundation of the establishment as it now exists. The number of printed volumes contained in it is estimated at nearly 900,000, and of manuscripts at 90,000. Among libraries of the second class existing at Paris, the Magazine Library and the Library of Ste. Genevieve, are the chief. The former contains nearly 140,000 volumes; the latter upwards of 180,000. Many excellent libraries are to be found in the provincial towns of France, particularly at Rouen, Bordeaux, Lyon and Strasbourg.

Italy is rich in important libraries, amongst which that of the Vatican, at Rome, stands pre-eminent. The number of printed volumes contained in it cannot be stated with accuracy; but it is in the manuscript department—replete with treasures of the rarest and most valuable kind—that its chief strength lies. The Casenata Library, also at Rome, is said to contain upwards of 200,000 volumes. The Ambrosian Library, at Milan, has a collection of nearly 100,000 volumes; and the Brera Library, of the same city, one of abouut 130,000. At Florence we find the Laurentian Library, consisting almost entirely of manuscripts; and the Magliabechi Library, with about 160,000 volumes. Of the other Libraries of Italy worthy of notice are the Royal Library, at Naples, with 200,000 volumes, and that of St. Mark, at Venice, with 120,000.

The principal libraries of Spain are the Bibliotica Real at Madrid, numbering nearly 200,000 volumes, and the Library of the Escorial.

The Imperial Library at Vienna, founded by the Emperor Frederick III., in

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the year 1440, is a noble collection of not fewer than 400,000 volumes; of which 15,000 are of the class called incunabula, or books printed before the year 1500. The Royal Library at Munich owes its origin to Abert V., Duke of Bavaria, about the middle of the 16th century. The real number of the extent of this Library is probably about 600,000. The Royal Library at Dresden, is a collection of nearly 320,000 volumes, amongst which are included some of the scarcest specimens of early printing, among others the Mainz Psalter of 1457, the first book printed with a date. The foundation of the Royal Library at Berlin dates from about the year 1650. It now extends to about 530,000 volumes of printed books, and 10,000 volumes of manuscripts, including among the latter many precious relicts of Luther and the other leaders of the Reformation. Of the other libraries of Germany, it will, perhaps, be enough to notice that of the University of Gottingen, with upwards of 350,000 volumes; and the ducal library of Wolfenbuttel, with about 200,000.

In Holland, the principal library is the Royal Library at the Hague, containing rather more than 100,000 volumes.

The Royal Library at Copenhagen was formed about the middle of the 16th century. Its contents are now estimated at nearly 450,000 volumes. The University Library possesses nearly 160,000 volumes; and Classen's Library, also in Copenhagen, about 30,000.

In Sweden, the largest library is that of the University of Upsal, consisting of nearly 140,000 volumes. One of its chief treasures is the famous manuscript of the Gothic Gospels of Ulfilas, commonly known as the Codex Argenteus. The University of Lund possesses a collection of upwards of 70,000 volumes.

The Library of the University of Christiana, in Norway, founded in 1811, contains upwards of 115,000 volumes.

The Imperial Library of St. Petersburg was founded about the beginning of the 18th century. In the year 1795, it was largely increased by the addition of the Zaluski Library of Warsaw, which was seized and carried off to St. Petersburg by Suwaröff. At present, the total number of volumes cannot be less than 550,000.

In the United States, though there are no libraries equaling those of the first rank in Europe, there are still not a few of considerable magnitude and value. The oldest and one of the largest is that of Harvard College, which has been in existence more than 200 years. The following is a table of the principal libraries, with the approximate number of their volumes:

NAME.	When founded.	Number of Vols.
Library of Harvard College	1638,	75,000
Boston Athenæum	1806,	70,000
Public Library of the City of Boston	1852,	90,000
Yale College Library	1700,	40,000
State Library at Albany, N. Y	1818,	60,000
Astor Library	1839,	90,000
Mercantile Library Association of New York City	1820,	60,000
Library of the New York Historical Society	1804,	30,000
New York Society Library	1754,	45,000
Library of Union Theological Seminary of New York	1836,	30,000
Library Company of Philadelphia and Loganian Library	1731,	75,000
Library of Academy of Natural Sciences, Philadelphia	1812,	30,000
Mercantile Library Association, Philadelphia	1811,	20,000
American Philosophical Society Library	1742,	25,000

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Apprentices Library of Philadelphia	1821,	20,000
Library of Brown University	1764,	35,000
Providence Athenæum	1753,	25,000
Charleston Library Society	1748	25,000
Library of South Carolina College	1805,	30,000
Library of the University of Virginia	1825,	35,000
Library of Georgetown College	1792,	30,000
Force Library at Washington		20,000
Libraries of Congress		100,000
Hengstenberg Library, University of Chicago		20,000

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"The number of volumes now on the shelves has reached a total of 6,852. This shows an increase since the 1st of January of some 4,000 volumes. We have a large number of valuable pamphlets, amounting to 3,222. Of the books, the Board have only purchased 978 volumes—the rest, some 5,874 volumes, came as free gifts to this Library from the people of England, Germany, France, Ireland, Scotland, and about 2,500 volumes are nearly all gifts from citizens of Chicago.

"From England we have received, of the national collection, there set on foot after our great fire, some 3,530 volumes. There is still to be recived a special contribution of some 1,000 or 1,200 volumes, the gift of Mr. Thomas Hughes, M. P., and a few friends. The English Patent-Office reports, which have been presented by the British Patent-Office Commissioners, number some 2,800 volumes, the binding of which, in London, this Board has ordered through its agent, Mr. John Robson, at a cost of about $8,000. We are not in possession of any precise data for estimating the number of other volumes in the collection made for the foundation of this Library in England, but we are advised that several more cases, shipped by our agent, Mr. Robson, are now on their way to Chicago. It is probable that the entire English gift will, when all the books are received, amount to at least 7,000 volumes. These, with the number of books in the German collection, as well as those received from other sources, will make a grand total of some 10,752 volumes; and this too, it may be said, without as yet making any considerable draft upon our income, except for the few named.

"We think it may be safely asserted, in respect to all this collection, that rarely, if ever, has so large a collection of books been made of rarer merit or greater value than those now brought together in the 'Iron Tank,' improvised into a temporary place of reception, under circumstances which give to the collection an interest never before associated with the foundation of a public library.

"The Board of Directors, in estimating the commercial value of the books already on our shelves, for the purpose of insuring against fire, have directed a policy of fire insurance to be taken out for $10,000. The probable value is $15,000 or $20,000.

"But the principal value of many of the works will scarcely bear any pecuniary estimate. Some are editions or works of which no duplicates exist to be purchased.

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Thus, the English Government sends 212 volumes, large octavo size, of their memorials and chronicles and calendars of State papers, of correspondence and public transactions with all the civilized countries of the globe, from the earliest periods of their history. These, published by the Master of the English Rolls, under authority of a special act of Parliament passed in the year 1800, have occupied hundreds of transcribers and translators in all languages, at a cost of time and money which preclude the utter possibility of such a thing being ever undertaken as a private enterprise.

"The complete set of the English Patent-Office reports, with some 77,000 specifications, and 2,800 volumes, besides the annual additions of 140 volumes each year, can scarcely ever go into a private owner or publisher's hands, and there are but three or four complete sets in the public libraries of this country. The University of Oxford, that most ancient seat of English learning, has made up and sent to Chicago a collection of books, which—aside from the literary merit of the works sent—are, in style of bindings and typographical appearance and workmanship, of a value which, for the same number of books, could scarcely be replaced in case of loss."

With reference to the selection of the Post-Office building for the future Library the Report says as follows:

"This Board entertain the most reasonable and well-grounded confidence that for several years at least, with a proper adaptation of the area of space contained within the present wall of the old Post-Office site and building, that its restoration can be made to furnish ample and convenient accommodation for all the business to be done, and for business assistants, besides allowing the necessary halls, alcoves, and galleries, in which the shelves and books of the Library can be arranged. But, while expressing this opinion as to what may be done for some years to come, let us not be understood as saying that, with a well-arranged reading-room equal to the present demand,—fitted up for the general public on the main floor of the building, that there is any more room *at present* than what may be needed, taking into account the nature of the work to be done within the first one or two years in preparing the general library, with a view to the extent of the public demand, and the accession of new matter within that time.

"The Board now call your attention to the financial conditions of this trust.

"The law requires we should state the various sums of money received from the Library fund, and how the same has been expended:

"Briefly we may state that the Board has drawn from the Library fund for all expenses up to June 1, including costs of the purchase of books, $7,204.44; and they have expended the same amount. The report of the Secretary, accompanying this report, will show all the different items of this expenditure,

As your honorable body is aware, the future success of the Library, in a great measure, will depend on the levy and collection of the tax provided by law, not to exceed the one-fifth of a mill upon the valuation of the taxable property of the city, and to be collected and set apart annually as a Library fund. As a result of the first year (1872) since the act took effect, the tax should produce the sum total of $56,839.49 on a total valuation of a city property equal to $284,197,430, as shown by report of our Committee on Finance.

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The amount actually collected on the first year (1872) and credited to Library fund by the Comptroller to June 1 is	$20,907 71
And deducting our expenses	7,204 44
	$13,703 27

The report closes with a reference to the great value of public libraries to the masses of the community, in the following words:

"Lamartine, twenty-five years ago, writing in utter despair of the condition of the working-men of France, on account of their low tastes and imperfect intelligence, cries: 'Libraries for the people are wanted! Books in the hands of the women, the girls, and the children by the fireside! Books to be made the visitors, the hosts, the guests and the friends of the workingman's home! Books in every house in the evening hours—in rain, and in winter—making home the center of affection and virtue! Pleasing communion must be found with the great minds who, in all ages, have best understood, felt, written or sung the human heart! To do this, books must be made cheap, and cost little,' etc. Thus, what this good man and great writer proposed to accomplish by cheapening the cost of publication of books in France will soon be accomplished in this city, by the Free Library law, without any cost whatever to the people. The treasures of all knowledge contained in books will be dispensed in free and equal abundance to all—the same as the sun dispenses its light—and the infinite magnificence of heaven is within the reach of all ages, and every human intelligence blessed under that of God."

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THE LIBRARIAN this month gives the first publication of the celebrated Tauchnitz Edition of English Authors, now on the shelves of the Chicago Public Library, an examination of which will give our readers an idea of the rich treat in store for them when the Directors are prepared to grant the public access to the books now in their possession. This edition, familiar to every scholar, embraces the works of all the more popular English writers, and is indeed a most delightful storehouse of good things. These books were purchased by the Directors, the edition including 1,249 volumes, in their original shape, but in their present binding numbering 743 volumes. Forty-two volumes are yet to be added, making the entire collection 785 volumes. Their cost, on the shelves, including first cost, binding and transportation. was sixty cents a volume. The books are very neatly bound, printed in large, plain type, and are of most convenient shape for handling, being 16 mo. in size. This edition is destined to become very popular with the general readers of the Library. The names of the books, arranged in topics, and their authors are as follows:

FICTION.

Ivanhoe	Sir	Walter	Scott
Waverly	"	"	"
Pirate (The)	"	"	"
Bride of Lammermoor	"	"	"
Fair Maid of Perth	"	"	"

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Antiquary (The).....Sir Walter Scott.
Black Dwarf (The)..... " " "
Fortunes of Nigel..... " " "
Heart of Mid-Lothian..... " " "
Old Mortality..... " " "
Kenilworth..... " " "
Quentin Dweward..... " " "
Monastery (The)..... " " "
Peveril of the Peak..... " " "
Abbot (The)..... " " "
Guy Mannering..... " " "
Anne of Geierstein..... " " "
Woodstock..... " " "
Still waters.....
Maiden Sisters.....Author of "Still Waters"
Uncle Ralph..... " "
Dorothy..... " "
De Cressy..... " "
Martha Brown; the Heiress..... " "
Callista, A Sketch of the Third Century.....John Henry Newman
Woman I Loved (The).....Isa Blagden
Shut Up in Paris.....Nathan Sheppard
No Church.....
Owen; A Waif.....Author of "No Church"
Thrown Together.....Florence Montgomery. 2 vols
Two Cosmos (The).....
Golden Sorrow (A).....Mrs. Cashell Hoey
Waterdale Neighbors (The).....
Cottage by the Cathedral (The), with other Parables.....Author of Schonberg-Cotta Family
Buried Alone.....A New Writer
Expiated.....Author of "Behind the Veil"
Sacred Allegories.....Rev. W. Adams, M. A.
Estelle Russell.....
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My Little Lady.....
Not Easily Jealous.....
Horae Subscivae: Rab and His Friends; and other Papers.....John Brown, M. D., F. R. S. E.
A Whim and its Consequences.....
Wild Oats.....Lascelles Wraxall
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Robinson Crusoe.....Daniel De Foe

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Diary and Notes.....Horace Templeton
Rose Garden (The).....Frances Mary Peard
Unawares: A Story of an old French Town..... " " "
One Year; or, A Story of Three Homes..... " " "
Guy Deverell.....J. S. Le Fanu
Uncle Silas; A Tale of Bartram-Haugh..... " "
Vera.....
Hotel (The) du Petit St. Jean.....Author of "Vera"
Guy Livingston.....
Sans Merci.....Author of "Guy Livingston"
Murice Dering..... " " "
Anteros..... " " "
Sword and Gown..... " " "
Barren Honor..... " " "
Border and Bastille..... " " "
Found Dead.....
Not Wooed but Won.....Author of "Found Dead"
Woman's Vengeance (A)..... " " "
Cecil's Tryst..... " " "
Gwendoline's Harvest..... " " "
Like Father, Like Son..... " " "
Pretty Widow (The).....Charles H. Ross
London Romance (A)..... " "
Crescent and Cross.....Eliot Warburton
Darien; or, The Merchant Prince..... " "
Peerless Wife (A).....Mrs. H. S. Mac Karness
Sunbeam Stories..... " " "
Recommended to Mercy.....
Zoe's Brand.....Author of "Recommended to Mercy"
Mademoiselle Mori. A Tale of Modern Rome.....
Madame Fontenoy.....Author of Mademoiselle Mori
Denise..... " " "
On the Edge of the Storm..... " " "
Tristram Shandy.....Lawrence Stern
Home Influence.....Grace Aquilar
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Castle Avon..... " "
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Chronicles of the Schonberg-Cotta Family.....Charles
On Both Sides of the Sea. A Tale of the Commonwealth and the Restoration.....Author of the "Schonberg-Cotta Family
Winifred, and the World We Live In..... " " " "
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All for Greed..... "
Race for Wealth (The).....Mrs. J. H. Riddell
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Far Above Rubies..... " "
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Journal of a Home Life..... " "
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Not Wisely, but Too Well..... " "
Red as a Rose is She..... " "
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Lavinia.....J. Ruffini
Doctor Antonio..... "
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Carr of Carrlyon..... " "
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The Warden..... " "
The Claverings..... " "
Ralph, the Heir..... " "
Sir Henry Hotspur..... " "
The Vicar of Bullhampton..... " "
The Last Chronicle of Barset..... " "
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Arabella Stuart..... " "
Darnley..... " "
Arrah Neil..... " "
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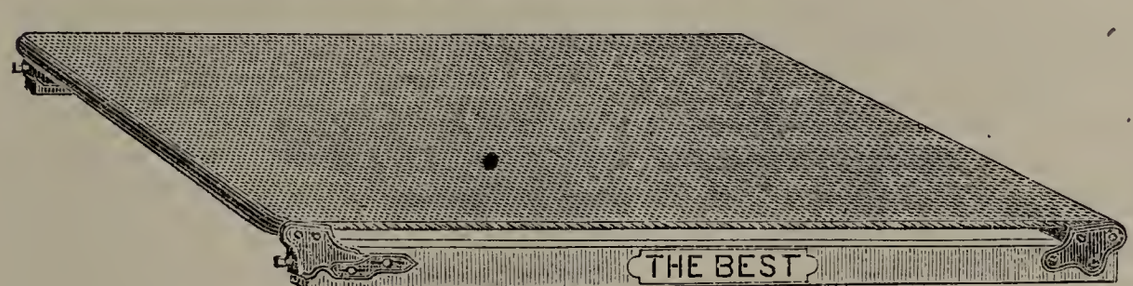

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ART. II. Special meetings may be called by the Secretary upon the written request of the President, or any two members of the Board.

ART. III. Five Directors shall constitute a quorum of the Board; but no appropriation shall be made or indebtedness incurred to an amount exceeding $100, without the concurring votes of a majority of all the members of the Board.

ART. IV. Any question before the Board may be taken by ayes and noes at the request of any two members of the Board.

ART. V. It shall be the duty of the President to preside at all meetings of the Board; to sign all vouchers approved by the Board, upon which, drafts shall be drawn upon the City Treasury on account of the Library Fund; to appoint the Standing Committees for the year; to prepare for the consideration of the Board, the annual report of the Board of Directors required by the seventh section of the "Free Public Library" Act.

ART. VI. There shall be five (5) Standing Committees of the Board: a Committee on Buildings and Grounds; on the Library and Reading Rooms; on Finances; on Administration; on By-Laws and Regulations—each Committee consisting of three Directors.

ART. VII. The order of business at regular Meetings of the Board shall be as follows: (1) Reading the records of the previous meeting. (2) Communications. (3) Unfinished business. (4) Reports from Standing Committees. (5) Reports from Special Committees. (6) Reports of Officers. (7) New business.

ART. VIII. A list of all the subjects referred to Committees of the Board, with dates of reference, shall be kept by the Secretary.

ART. IX. The notice of any Special Meeting shall state the business of the Meeting, and no business shall be transacted at such meeting not stated in the notice.

ART. X. No amendment to the By-Laws shall be acted upon until the next regular meeting after the same shall have been proposed.

ART. XI. The Reading Rooms for periodicals shall be under the charge of the Secretary until a Librarian is appointed; and shall be open from 9 o'clock a. m. until 9 o'clock p, m., every day. They may be used by any person of good deportment and habits.

ART. XII. All conversation and conduct inconsistent with the quiet and orderly use of the Reading Rooms are strictly prohibited.

ART. XIII. Whenever a periodical is called for and taken from the desk, its name or title, together with the name and residence of the borrower, must be written on a slip of paper, to be furnished for the purpose, and left with the attendant.

ART. XIV. Any person abusing the privileges of the Library or Reading-Rooms, by unbecoming conduct, or by the violation of any of the Regulations, by intentional defacement of a book, pamphlet, periodical, or paper, by writing in or on it, or in any other way, shall be reported to the Directors as soon as may be, and by them excluded from the Reading Room or Library for a time, or permanently, according to the nature and degree of the delinquency or default; but in case of any gross offense, the Librarian, acting Librarian, or his assistant or assistants, or representative, shall act summarily in the matter, and cause the offender to be at once excluded from the building, reporting the case to the Directors as soon as possible for their final decision.

ART. XV. The term of service of all employes in the Library and Reading Rooms shall expire on the second Monday of July succeeding their appointment; and they shall be subject to removal at any time at the pleasure of the Board of Directors, for sufficient cause.

ART. XVI. The Committee on Buildings and Grounds shall have supervision in the following matters: In matters relating to the construction, alteration, repair, furnishing, heating and lighting the rooms, or building, used or to be used for the purposes of the Library, and in relation to insurance, and as to matters under their supervision, shall report to the Board of Directors at the last meeting in May.

ART. XVII. The Committee on Administration shall have supervision in the following matters: In matters relating to the arrangements for the circulation and use of books and periodicals, for the preparation of the statistics of circulation, and for the needful examination of the Library, and as to matters under their supervision shall report to the Board of Directors at the last meeting in May.

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ART. XX. Every application for the place of assistant in the Library or Reading Rooms, together with the recommendations, if any, relating to such application, shall be kept on file by the Secretary, in separate envelopes. upon which the Secretary shall endorse the name of the applicant, the date of the application, and the names, if any, of persons recommending the applicant. It shall be the duty of the Chairmen of the respective Standing Crmmittees, from time to time, to examine such applications, and to nominate assistants therefrom, but any member of the Board of Directors may in a like manner make such nominations.

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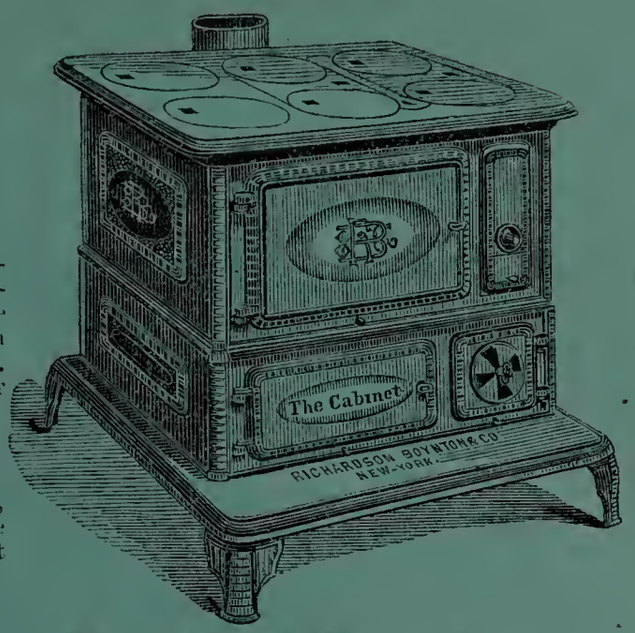

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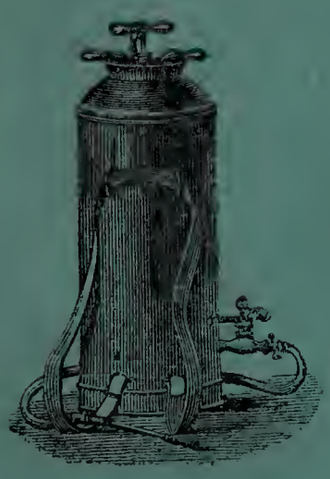

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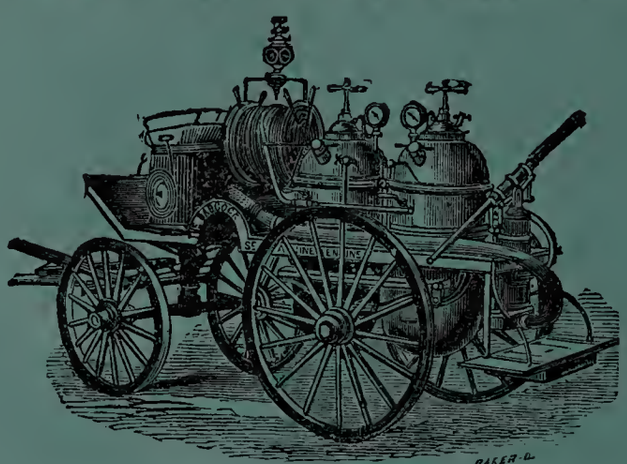

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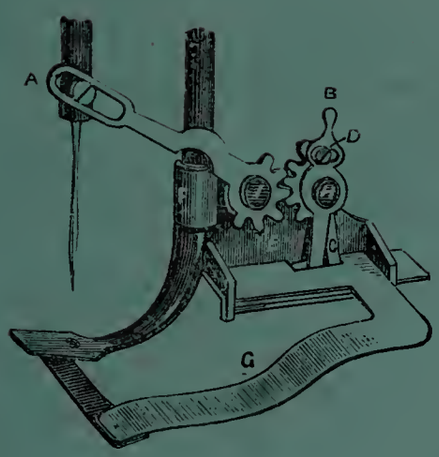

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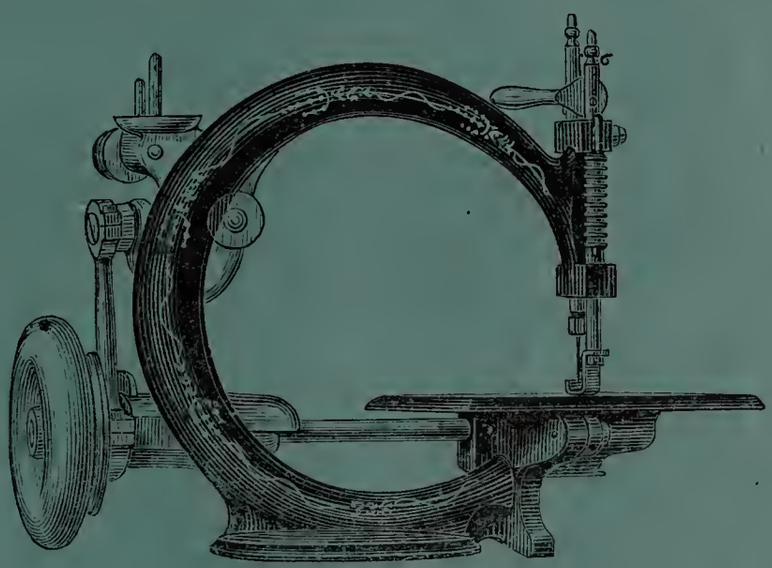

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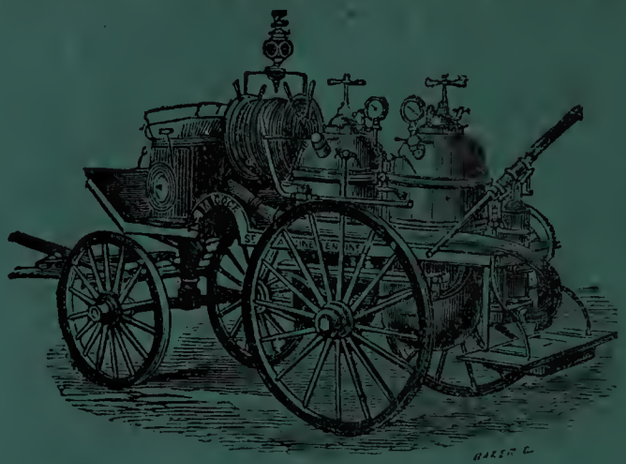

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